

Commissionerate of CT & GST , Odisha (Cuttack)

Press Release

GST State Enforcement Wing arrested the third mastermind in case No.2CC 32 of 2021 dt.15.7.2021

The State GST Enforcement Wing today (dt.05.08.2021) nabbed the third mastermind namely Sri Basant Kumar Pattnaik (PAN- ASFPP9133N), proprietor of M/s Omm Shree Ganesh Traders, GSTIN-21ASFPP9122N1ZF, the co-accused in case No.2CC 32 of 2021, Rourkela in the multicore fake invoicing of Rs.641 Crores fraud involving availing and passing of bogus ITC worth Rs.115.10 Crores. Two other masterminds in this case i.e Sri Gurdit Dang, Managing partner of M/s. Tirupati Traders and authorized representative of M/s Satguru Metals & Power Pvt. Ltd., Rourkela and Sri Sujay Maitra, Director of M/s Smartageis Trade Venture Private Limited of Rourkela were arrested earlier on dt.15.07.2021.

The Department was in search for Sri Patnaik since last one and half years as he was also involved in another case investigated by Enforcement Unit, Jajpur for his alleged involvement in creation and operation of six numbers of fake firms in collusion with two other masterminds namely Sri Amit Beriwal and Sri Subash Chandra Swain who were arrested on dt.23.01.2020. The fake invoice and bogus ITC generated and passed on by Sri Patnaik in the earlier case (i.e six fake firms) was Rs.219.61 Crores and Rs.31.53 Crores respectively.

During interrogation, Sri Patnaik admitted that he was collecting identity document such as PAN, Adhar, Bank Passbook etc. of innocent people like plumbers, drivers, mechanic, unemployed youth, house wife of different area including Rourkela, Jagatsinghpur, Sundargarh, Angul, Jharkhand etc. under the pretext of engaging them in different companies and in some cases to provide regular monthly income of Rs.5000/- per month and misutilised the said documents for the purpose of obtaining GST registration and opening of current bank account in different banks. After taking GST registration, he in collusion with others was engaged in bill trading without actual receipt and supply of goods to defraud the State exchequer. Sri Patnaik was arrested in Bhubaneswar and taken to Rourkela for production before the Judicial Magistrate today on dt.05.08.2021.

The offences committed by Sri Patnaik are cognizable and non-bailable offence u/s 132 (1) (b) (c) & (l) of OGST Act, 2017 read with section 132(5) of the said Act and is punishable U/s 132(1)(i) of the OGST Act, 2017.