

Traders Urged To Issue Proper Receipts Stating GST Amount

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SHAH ALAM, April 2 (Bernama) -- The Selangor Customs Department has urged owners of businesses registered for the Goods and Services Tax (GST) like sundry and gadget shops to issue proper tax invoices or receipts bearing the GST number for the convenience of customers.

Its director, Datuk Badaruddin Mohamed Rafik said businesses like retail outlets should produce sales receipts showing the six per cent GST on the prices of the goods they sold.

"Traders must not issue hand written receipts but rather issue a printed receipt stating the GST amount. This gives a clear indication to the public on goods and services which are subjected to GST," he told Bernama.

Malaysia started implementing GST yesterday, which is seen as an important change in efforts to strengthen the national economy while taking into account the people's interest.

At the GST rate of six per cent - the lowest rate among ASEAN countries - the government is targeting to collect additional revenue for development and improving social infrastructure.

Commenting on the cases of non-compliance of GST among traders in Selangor, Badaruddin said many cases involved traders not issuing proper receipts besides charging GST for mobile pre-paid reload coupons, despite directives issued by the government to telco companies not to impose GST on reload coupons.

He said 50 teams from Selangor Customs have been deployed to conduct on-the-ground operations until April 15 to monitor the implementation of GST in the state and to date, 67,407 business owners from various sectors and individuals had registered for GST in Selangor.

Meanwhile, N.P. Raman, chairman of the Entrepreneurs Association of Little India, Klang said many traders from the 'Little India' enclave were in the dark over the GST tax system and urged the relevant authorities to conduct more seminars and workshop for such traders.

Raman, who is also Managing Director of Thangaram Jewellers Sdn Bhd in Little India, Klang felt the GST for consumer products should be fixed at two per cent taking into account the current inflation rate and that the government should gradually increase the tax regime depending on other factors.

Meanwhile, Persekutuan Persatuan Peniaga Barangan Runcit Malaysia president Hong Chee Meng said the federation hoped consumers would give retailers adequate space to streamline their prices in the wake of the GST and that all glitches could be expected to be

ironed out in the next couple of months.

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