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### **ABSTRACT**

Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce – Implementation of the Tamil Nadu Life Sciences Promotion Policy, 2022 - Orders – Issued.

## **INDUSTRIES, INVESTMENT PROMOTION AND COMMERCE (MIE.1) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(Ms).No.154**

**Dated 11.07.2022**

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**திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு-2053**

**Read:**

From the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Guidance, Letter No.PP/Pharma Policy/1442/2021-3, dated 27.12.2021 and 30.06.2022.

### **ORDER:**

The recent outbreak of the pandemic and geopolitical changes has brought to fore, the need and opportunities for the State to expand the production of drugs, vaccines, and medical equipment. The State's demand for the medicines and medical equipment is also expected to increase with the rise in number of people accessing healthcare services. Life Sciences especially pharmaceuticals, bulk drugs, Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) is a recession proof industry catering to essential services.

2. Manufacturing in Life Sciences sector invariably creates externalities and is faced with have higher transaction costs (information or search cost, brokerage fees, intellectual property laws, compliances) that prevent the market from reflecting the true cost and realising the benefit. Hence, there is a need for a policy that shall address two broad issues specific to Life Sciences. Firstly, efforts must be made to reduce the transaction costs and Secondly, the firms engaged in Life Sciences must be incentivized to internalize the externality. Based on this aspect, Tamil Nadu Life Sciences Promotion Policy, 2022 was prepared and based on observations / suggestions of related departments/organisations, the policy has been formulated. The Government after careful consideration is pleased to formulate and adopt the Tamil Nadu Life Sciences Promotion Policy, 2022 for the State as appended to this order.

3. This policy is applicable for greenfield or expansion projects engaged in the following areas of Life Sciences namely, (1) Biotechnology and Bio-services, (2) Pharmaceutical and Nutraceutical Industry, (3) Medical Devices and, (4) Medical Textiles. Considering the technology intensive nature of Life Sciences, the eligibility criteria for incentives shall be relaxed to include projects that are Sub-Large and above i.e., investment greater

than Rs.50 crores and minimum employment of 50 jobs under a "Special Package of Incentives for Life Sciences" under this Policy. A Company can choose to avail incentives under "Special Package of Incentives for Life Sciences" under this Policy or "Special Incentives for Sunrise Sector" under Tamil Nadu Industrial Policy, 2021 subject to satisfying the eligibility criteria of the applicable policy. The services, incentives and schemes for the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises as per the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Policy 2021 have been specified in the Policy.

4. The incentives shall be provided to eligible industries by the Industries Department based on the recommendation of Guidance to the Government/Inter Departmental Committee and shall be disbursed by SIPCOT. The single window facilitation for Sub-Large, Large, Mega and Ultra Mega projects shall be undertaken by Guidance through its single window portal. The incentives for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sector shall be sanctioned by the Commissioner of Industries and Commerce. The single window facilitation for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sector shall be undertaken by the Commissioner of Industries and Commerce and District Industries Center.

5. This Policy supersedes the Tamil Nadu Biotechnology Policy 2014 and will be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of notification. The Policy may be periodically revised from time to time.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

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