

PRESS NOTE ON

The Micro and Small Enterprise Facilitation Council for Chennai Region

Government of Tamil Nadu in G.O.Ms.No.7, Small Industries (SIF) Department dated 17.07.07, have established four Micro and Small Enterprises Facilitation Councils for Chennai, Thiruchirapalli, Madurai & Coimbatore Regions constituted as per provisions of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act 2006, The councils have been vested with legal powers to act on delayed payments to Micro and Small Enterprises, by providing alternate dispute resolution services with jurisdiction to act as an Arbitrator or Conciliator in respect of disputes arising between the supplier Micro Small Enterprise located within the Council's jurisdiction and a buyer located anywhere in India. As per the provisions of the Act, the buyers, if they fail to make payment to the supplier (Micro and Small Enterprises) within the date agreed upon, are liable to pay the principle amount along with **Compound Interest with monthly rests to the supplier units at 3 times of interest notified by the Reserve Bank of India.**

As per the above G.O. cited, the First meeting of the **Micro and Small Enterprise Facilitation Council for Chennai Region**, was held at Chennai Collectorate, Singaravelar Maligai Building, Chennai on **31.10.2007**. In this Council meeting, **42 petitions** were heard involving delayed payment of about **Rs.32.5 Crores** were taken up for discussions and necessary orders were passed.

The second Council meeting was held at Auditorium, MSME Development Institute, GST Road, Guindy, Chennai.32 on **16.04.2008**. In this Council meeting, **41 petitions** were heard involving delayed payment of about **Rs.32.46 Crores** were taken up for discussions necessary orders were passed.

Now it has been proposed to convene the 3rd Council meeting on **13th August 2008 @ 10.30 A.M.** at Auditorium, **MSME Development Institute(SISI), GST Road, Guindy, Chennai . 32** under the Chairmanship of **Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce Thiru. G. Santhanam, I.A.S.**, in order to facilitate settlement of outstanding dues of Small and Micro Enterprises. The Micro, Small Enterprises those who have been affected by delayed payment issues from the buyer may file their requests with prayer petition, affidavit and necessary copies of evident documents to the **Zonal Officer, Micro, Small Enterprises Facilitation Council / Regional Joint Director of Industries and Commerce, Guindy, Chennai - 32.**