

PRESS RELEASE

Rt.Hon'ble Mr.Vince Cable, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, United Kingdom, called on the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru O. Panneerselvam on 15.10.2014. The Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills was accompanied by Ms.Emily Hamblin, Senior Private Secretary, Mr.Bharat Suresh Joshi, British Deputy High Commissioner and Ms. Mei-Kwei Barker, Director, British Council Division, Chennai.

The Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu welcomed the Rt.Hon'ble Mr. Vince Cable and recalled the long years of association between Tamil Nadu and the United Kingdom. He indicated that the areas of skill development and innovation were accorded the highest priority in the Tamil Nadu Vision 2023 Document.

The Rt.Hon'ble Mr.Vince Cable highlighted that the investment of United Kingdom in India was higher than United Kingdom's investment in United States of America and Japan combined. He also mentioned that the United Kingdom companies had created one lakh jobs in Tamil Nadu, including 30000 jobs in Chennai city. In the course of discussions, greater investment from United Kingdom companies in the manufacturing sector in Tamil Nadu was discussed.

The success of the recent initiative of sending five teachers and 25 students from Government Arts and Science Colleges to Universities in the United Kingdom was discussed. Further intensifying the engagement in the area of teacher training was discussed.

Developing a Financial Services Centre in Chennai, greater technical cooperation and exchange of information and best practices in the area of Public Private Partnerships for infrastructure, development of non conventional energy sources and medical tourism were also discussed. U.K. was also invited to participate in the Global Investors Meet proposed to be held in Chennai in 2015.

The meeting was attended by the Hon'ble Minister for Industries Thiru P. Thangamani, Chief Secretary Thiru Mohan Verghese Chunkath, I.A.S., Adviser to Government Tmt. Sheela Balakrishnan, I.A.S., (Rtd.) Principal Secretary, Industries Thiru C.V. Sankar, I.A.S., Principal Secretary, Finance Thiru K. Shanmugam, I.A.S., and Principal Secretary, Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Thiru S.Krishnan, I.A.S.

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