

செய்தி வெளியீடு

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As you are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic had a crippling effect on the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector in the country. The impact on Tamil Nadu's economy, largely dependent on the MSME sector for growth and employment, has been significantly severe. My Government is now in the process of reviving the sector through focused interventions. The firecracker industry, concentrated around the town of Sivakasi, is one of the most important industrial activities in the State. Around 8 lakh workers depend on the State's firecracker industry for their livelihood, which is the largest in our country.

It has been brought to my notice that your Government has imposed a ban on the sale of firecrackers during this festival season (Diwali-2021). I understand that you have taken this decision based on concerns regarding air pollution. I wish to draw your attention to the fact that the Hon'ble Supreme Court has already banned certain categories of polluting firecrackers and now, green crackers with significantly less emissions are being manufactured. Therefore a blanket ban on firecrackers is not reasonable. Such a ban is not prevalent in other

countries. Moreover, such a ban if imposed by other states also, would lead to the closure of the entire industry, jeopardizing the livelihood of around 8 lakh persons. You would also appreciate that bursting of firecrackers is an integral part of Indian festivals, especially Diwali. A balanced approach that gives due regard to environment, livelihood and public health is possible and necessary.

I sincerely urge you to kindly reconsider the blanket ban on sale of firecrackers and request that the sale of firecrackers that falls within the norms set by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the National Green Tribunal may be permitted in your state.

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