

**PRESS RELEASE**

A high level delegation headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister visited UK, USA and Dubai from 28.08.2019 to 09.09.2019 for attracting investments into Tamil Nadu. These events evoked overwhelming response from prospective investors. During the visit, MoUs were signed with 41 companies for a total investment of Rs.8,835 crore and with potential employment to 35,520 persons. In order to enhance the facilitation provided to the investors and to expedite the necessary clearances to ensure these investments, a High Powered Committee for investment facilitation and Single Window clearances has been constituted with Hon'ble Chief Minister as Chairman and Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Hon'ble Ministers for Electricity, Prohibition & Excise, Municipal Administration & Rural Development, Implementation of Special Programmes, Industries, Environment and Revenue, Disaster Management & Information Technology Departments, Chief Secretary and the respective Secretaries to Government as Members. The Principal Secretary, Industries will act as the Member Secretary to the Committee.

The Committee will meet in the first week of every month to monitor the progress of investment facilitation activities and pending clearances under the single window system and other clearances like environmental clearances with State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) etc,. The committee will resolve cases where the clearances are pending beyond the time limit fixed by the Tamil Nadu Business Facilitation Rules or pending beyond a month with other agencies like SEIAA. Further, an Investment Facilitation Cell has been constituted in the Chief Minister's Office with an IAS Officer as an Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to deal with the issues of major investors and facilitate investments in Tamil Nadu.

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