

**SPEECH OF HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER  
Inaugurating  
Dell's Manufacturing Plant in Chennai**

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**I am very happy to be here today on the occasion of inauguration of the Computer Manufacturing facility of Dell Company. On 5th December, 2006 I had laid the foundation stone for this project. I congratulate all the persons associated with this project for completing it in a short span of 16 months.**

**Tamil Nadu is one of the fastest growing industrial investment zones in India. A large number of leading companies of the World have established their plants here. A transparent and responsive Government, better infrastructure and quality man power are the main strengths of this state. To ensure the availability of well qualified work force in Tamil Nadu, our Government has taken many path breaking measures. For the first time in the country Computer Education was introduced in Government Higher Secondary Schools in the year 1999-2000 by this government. Similarly, during the previous year (2007-2008) we have provided computers to 1880 Government Higher Secondary Schools. To ensure that quality education is given to Computer Science**

students, Government has decided to appoint qualified regular computer Instructors in all the 1880 schools.

At present computer density is quite low in India at 22 per thousand. Whereas China has more than 80 computers per thousand population. With the growing economic prosperity and spread of computer education, it is going to increase in the near future. I am sure Dell will be able to utilize this growth as a business opportunity.

Tamil Nadu is one of the leaders in e-governance in India. All aspects of governance are being made citizen friendly by utilizing the power of computer and Internet. With the spread of computer knowledge more people will be able to use e-governance initiatives. On 8th April, I have inaugurated the Citizen Service Centre Scheme which will provide Internet Kiosks in 5 thousand 4 hundred and 40 villages in Tamil Nadu.

Any citizen will be able to go to these kiosks for various services given by the government agencies. At present Chitta and A register copies are available at Taluk offices. These will be made available through the kiosks. Public will be able to send their representations through these centers. Other services like applying for Encumbrance certificate, obtaining guideline value for any land, payment of professional tax, water tax will also become easier for the common man. Facility for applying for ration Cards and various certificates through these kiosks will be introduced in the near future. Government is committed to provide services on anytime anywhere basis through these E governance initiatives.

Ten years ago, our Government had the vision to see the growth potential of Thiruperumbudur. I am happy to see that the

efforts taken by our Government then have brought prosperity to the people of Tamil Nadu. Thiruperumbudur has already become a manufacturing Power House. Tamil Nadu Government will take steps to make it a regional manufacturing hub of Asia. It is always ready to help the industries with its pro active policy measures. Apart from the traditional industries like textile, leather and machine tools, now Tamil Nadu has witnessed very fast growth in automobiles and electronic hardware. I am sure Dell will be able to utilize the environment available in Tamil Nadu to maximize its potential.

In the last two years of our Government, has entered into 13 MoU's with large companies for Investments totaling rupees 17 thousand 5 hundred and 83 Crores and creating employment for about 1 lakh and 42 thousand persons. Tamil Nadu is known for immediate implementation of the projects after signing of MoU's. Our State has emerged as a hub for car manufacturing and electronic hardware. After Nokia, Foxconn, Flextronics and Samsung it is now Dell's turn to start production within a very short span of time.

The DELL factory here is a part of our vision to make Tamil Nadu the preferred investment destination for global and Indian leaders in industry and manufacturing. We are committed to a policy that encourages manufacturing and employment generation in our State to sustain the economic growth.

I am sure that DELL will be able to make Thiruperumbudur a core facility for its worldwide operations. I like to assure DELL that Government of Tamil Nadu will do it's best to create fiscal and physical eco system to make India a global hub for computer

**manufacturing. Tamil Nadu is, of course, ideally suited to take advantage of such a development.**

**I once again assure the Industry in general and DELL in particular that the State Government will continue to provide all the required support for their continuous growth.**

**Thank you |**