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**The Micro and Small Enterprise Facilitation Council for Chennai Region**

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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, already three **Micro and Small Enterprise Facilitation Council for Chennai Region** meetings were held and orders passed on 14 cases and an amount of Rs.47.77 lakhs payment dues were collected.

The fourth Council meeting was held at Conference Hall, O/o the Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce, Chepauk, Chennai - 5 on **22.10.2008**. In this Council meeting, **40 petitions** were heard and taken up for discussions necessary orders were passed. Out of which, 3 cases have been adjudicated and 1 case was settled. Amount settled was Rs.26.93 lakhs.

**Thiru. G. Santhanam, I.A.S.**, Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce, Thiru C.K. Mohan , Vice President, TANSTIA, Thiru A. Ravi, Chief Manager, Indian Overseas Bank (Lead Bank), Thiru De. Ramakrishnan, President, Industrial Finance, Reconstruction Association for Tiny

Industries and Thiru T. Kirubakaran, Regional Manager, Tamilnadu Industrial Investment Corporation have participated in the above meeting.

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.**

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