

Press Release

**Decision of Stamp Duty Exemption & Reduction of Registration Fee to MSMEs - Government of Tamil Nadu's decision to support the MSMEs during COVID pandemic.**

During the visit of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to the Districts, several MSME Associations had represented for a waiver or reduction of payment of stamp duty and registration charges on MoD due to the severe economic crisis and liquidity crunch faced by the MSMEs as result of Covid-19 containment measures. They had expressed difficulties faced at the time of registration of MoD while availing loans under various Government schemes.

In accordance with direction of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the issue has been studied in detail by both Commercial Taxes and Registration and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department and Commercial Taxes and Registration Department have issued orders granting exemption from payment of Stamp duty in respect of registration of agreement relating to Deposit of Title Deeds executed for securing loans availed from Banks and Financial Institutions by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises under Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Scheme for the period upto 31.03.2021 as per the directions of Hon'ble Chief Minister. The Government have also ordered to reduce the Registration fee to 0.1% from 1.0% in respect of registration of Agreement relating to Deposit of Title Deeds on

loans and additional loans granted by the Banks and Financial Institutions to Micro and Small Enterprises.

Under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) of Government of India, around 3,09,312 accounts have been disbursed loans for an amount of Rs.11,538.69 Crores in the State already. The eligible accounts of MSMEs would be benefitted till the schemes cease to exist under Aatma Nirbhar Package. In the meanwhile, the Government of India has also extended the scheme of Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) upto 31.03.2021. In respect of reduction of registration charges Micro and Small Enterprises would be benefitted every time while availing loans and additional loans. Prior to this order, the Commercial Taxes and Registration Department had already issued an order for extending the timeline for registration of MoD from 4 months to 8 months without penalty till 31.03.2021. All these measures are stipulated to help the MSME units which are currently facing the issues due to COVID situation.

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