

Press Release

Tamil Nadu: *Numero Uno* Business Destination

Tamil Nadu being a pioneer State in industrial development aims to attract investments, provide job opportunities, increase the industrial output and map of industrial potential in the State with focus on development of southern districts.

The Stakeholders consultation for Tamil Nadu New Industrial Policy was held under the Chairmanship of Thiru C. Ponnaiyan, Hon'ble Vice Chairman, State Development Policy Council (SDPC) (erstwhile State Planning Commission), on **29.10.2020 at 11.00 a.m** at the HDV Conference Hall, Ezhilagam, Chennai -5.

Dr. Atul Anand, IAS, Member Secretary (FAC), SDPC, Tmt. Jayashree Raghunandan, IAS., Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Planning and Development Department, Thiru N. Muruganandam, IAS., Principal Secretary to Government, Industries Department, Thiru V. Arun Roy, IAS., Special Secretary to Government, Industries Department, Thiru K. Gopal, IAS., Principal Secretary to Government(FAC), MSME Department and Senior officials from Stakeholder departments, Domain experts from Chambers of Commerce & Industries, and Heads of Divisions from SDPC participated in the meeting.

The Member Secretary (FAC), State Development Policy Council briefed about significance of the meeting and said that the State is second largest in economy next to Maharashtra. Even during this pandemic period, the state government has signed MoUs with huge investments in various sectors across the globe for creating job opportunities.

In the meeting, Thiru N. Muruganandam, IAS., stated that Tamil Nadu is the leading state Automobiles, Textiles, Leather, Electronic manufacturing, Software Industry and the success of Global Investors Meets have attracted largest number of investors. He made presentation on the upcoming New Industrial Policy with objectives to evolve ease of doing

business, providing world class infrastructure, competitive fiscal incentives, balanced regional development and employment generation.

Hon'ble Vice Chairman, State Development Policy Council, Thiru C. Ponnaiyan lauded the efforts taken by Hon'ble Chief Minister and his pragmatic approach for development of industrial sector in the State by attracting larger investments through facilitation of first of its kind Single Window Clearance and other initiatives for industrial and service sectors.

Also, he suggested that as huge number of Technocrats are coming out every year in the State owing to the ingenious steps taken by the then Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr.M.G.Ramachandran, their skills should be upgraded to be become self-employable with twin benefits of employment and economy. To achieve this the manufacturing sector should give adequate emphasis for fostering their skill on one side and create suitable employment opportunities. MSMEs should focus on agro based industries with proper market tie-up including Self Help Group to improve rural economy and Tamil Nadu to be a model in India. In Solar Energy, the State is pioneer due to the initiatives taken by the Government and by evolving cost effective technology is the need of the hour and this could be promoted further especially in Agriculture and Industrial sector.

In the concluding remarks, he highlighted that the State would focus on future prospects of sunrise sectors, employment generation, balanced regional development to bounce back from economic stress due to Covid- 19 and emerge much stronger thereby **making Tamil Nadu a Numero Uno State.**

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