

Need to expedite setting up of Tamil Nadu Industrial Defence Corridor (TNIDC) at Salem- Laid

SHRI T. M. SELVAGANAPATHI (SALEM): The Tamil Nadu Industrial Defence Corridor was announced and inaugurated in the year 2019 to produce defence related equipment and one of locations identified and selected was Salem. Salem is an ideal place for commencement and implementation of project like the TNIDC as it has all infrastructures required for it such as steel plant, transportation including vast land available at Salem Steel Plant. Salem is the headquarters of Salem Division of Southern Railway. However, the announced TNIDC is yet to take shape despite having all these infrastructures. The implementation of TNIDC will pave the way for employment and revenues for not only for the State, but also for the Centre. Setting up of the TNIDC will also support the Government's ambition to achieve Rs.50, 000 crore defence exports by 2029. The investments as expected is not forthcoming for TNIDC and this may be the reason why it is not getting fully implemented. Therefore, it is urged the Government to ensure establishment of TNIDC at Salem at the earliest by removing all bottlenecks that are coming on the way of it. The State Government of Tamil Nadu is supporting and is very eager to have such corridor in Salem.