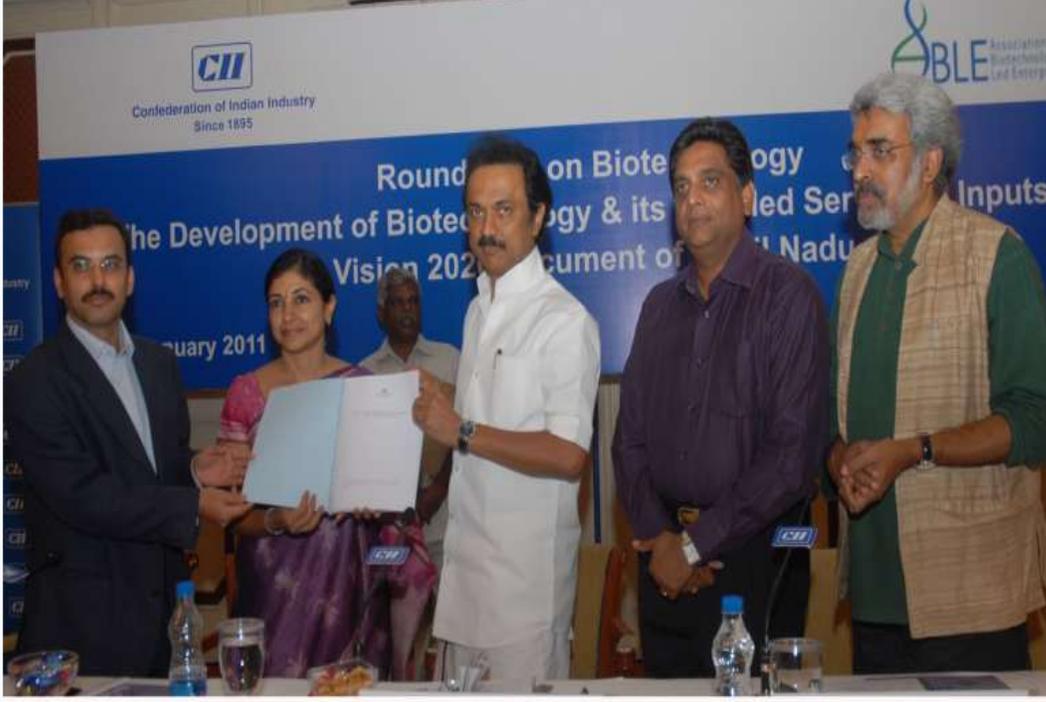


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Honble Deputy Chief Minister participated in the Roundtable on Biotechnology and released the draft policy



மாண்புமிகு துணை முதலமைச்சர் திரு.மு.க. ஸ்டாலின் அவர்கள் இன்று (31.1.2011) சென்னையில், இந்திய தொழில் கூட்டமைப்பின் சார்பில் நடைபெற்ற உயிரிதொழில்நுட்பம் குறித்த கருத்தரங்கில், "உயிரிதொழில்நுட்ப கொள்கை-2020" என்ற இந்திய தொழில் கூட்டமைப்பின் பரிந்துரை குறிப்புகளை வெளியிட, தமிழ்நாட்டிற்கான இந்திய தொழில் கூட்டமைப்பின் தலைவர் திருமதி. ஆர். நந்தினி அவர்கள் பெற்றுக் கொண்டார். உடன் தொழில்துறை முதன்மைச் செயலாளர் திரு. ராஜீவ் ரஞ்சன், இந்திய தொழில் கூட்டமைப்பின் தமிழக உயிரிதொழில்நுட்ப குழு ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் டாக்டர்.பி.எம். முரளி, துணைத் தலைவர் (ஹைஷ்டிரி) திரு. மணி அய்யர் ஆகியோர் உள்ளனர்.

**SPEECH OF HON'BLE DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU  
Dr.M.K.STALIN ROUNDTABLE ON BIOTECHNOLOGY THE DEVELOPMENT OF BIO-  
TECHNOLOGY & ITS ENABLED SERVICES – INPUTS FOR VISION 2020 :-**

Thirumathi Nandhini Rangaswamy, Chairperson, CII, Tamil Nadu, Dr. P.M. Murali, Convenor, CII Tamil Nadu Biotechnology Panel, Thiru. Rajeev Ranjan IAS, Principal Secretary, Industries Department govt of Tamilnadu, Mr Mani, Vice President, ABLE, Distinguished Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen, Vanakkam.

I am very happy to participate in the inaugural session of the Roundtable on Biotechnology organised by CII, Tamil Nadu. It is our desire to take Tamil Nadu to the top position in every field. I am glad to record here that, CII Tamil Nadu is working hand-in-hand with the Government of Tamil Nadu towards achieving this goal. Tamil Nadu was one of the earliest State to announce a Policy in 2000 for promoting Bio-Technology industries. However, recently several states in India have marched ahead with separate policies and have already benefited by attracting considerable investment from within India and outside.

It is therefore appropriate that CII Tamil Nadu is organising this Roundtable on Bio-Technology. I am happy that many of the leaders in Indian Bio-Technology have come here to participate in this Roundtable. I have no doubt that this roundtable will be fruitful and help in drawing up Vision 2020 Document to promote Bio-Technology in Tamil Nadu. Bio-Technology has huge potential to benefit the entire mankind. It can provide solutions to many of the serious and chronic problems facing the world today, like hunger, global warming, food and fuel shortages, diseases, etc. Bio-Technology can also provide huge employment opportunities.

India holds a good advantage over many other countries of the world in Bio-Technology. With its large population of over a billion people there is a huge market for products and services. Tamil Nadu has rich Bio Resources. Our State is also blessed with highly knowledgeable and skilled manpower. We also have a strong manufacturing tradition. All these factors make Tamil Nadu the best location for bio-technology R&D and Industry. Infact, Tamil Nadu was the first State to come out with a separate policy on Bio-Technology in the year 2000 under the Chief Minister ship of Dr. Kalaingar. Several new initiatives have been taken by the Government in Bio-Technology. The first Women's Bio-Technology Park in the country was established at Siruseri during 2000. TICEL Biotechnology Park-I was established with the technical collaboration of Cornell University USA, at a cost of Rs.54.76 Crores. TICEL was recognized as a "Research and Development Institution". TICEL Bio-Park has achieved great success and is now fully occupied. The Government, therefore is establishing TICEL Biotechnology Park-II at a cost of Rs 150 Crore.

Biotechnology Park II will be completed in 2011 providing employment opportunities for 1500 scientists.

It is also proposed to establish a “Biotechnology Core Facility” in TICEL Bio Park-II with modern Equipments to provide scientific and incubation support to the clients and Biotech Industries at cost of Rs 19.30 Crores. Further, Labs of BSL3 with complete facilities at a cost of Rs 7.37 Crores, will be established. We have also identified 300 acres near Mamallapuram to set up a Marine Bio-Technology Park. A Medicinal Plant Biotech Park will also be established soon. The Biotech initiatives of Government of Tamil Nadu and infrastructure development will speed up the growth of knowledge based biotechnology industries in the State. Lack of laboratory space with necessary infrastructure for research and development, delay in obtaining various regulatory approvals for the products are the major problems in the growth of biotech industry. Considering the need for new Policy to promote Biotechnology the State Government is in the process of drafting a new Bio-tech-Policy which was discussed by the High Power TMCC in the meeting held on 21st January 2011 under my Chairmanship. This new Policy will have many innovative features and will assist in the growth of biotech industry in Tamil Nadu. We have to ensure that any advance made in Bio-Technology does not erode the Genetic pool and the rich diversity in flora and fauna. Research and development activities in the field of Bio-Technology have to be given great importance. sufficient resources also are to be allotted for this activities. As the out come of such research activities will be beneficial to the society and mankind.

I therefore consider, that this Roundtable is being held at the right time as the inputs from this Roundtable will be useful in finalizing the New Policy on Bio-Technology. Bio-Technology is the next wave of knowledge economy and the Government is determined to make Tamil Nadu a leading global centre in Bio-Technology. I wish the Roundtable and the participants a productive and illuminating day. Thank you! Nandri! Vanakkam!

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