Minutes of Meeting of Single Desk Bureau held on 12th May, 2017 at Conference Hall, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi, Vijayawada

A review meeting on Single Desk Bureau is held under the chairmanship of Commissioner of Industries, Government of Andhra Pradesh on 12th May, 2017 at Conference Hall, Ground floor, Block No 2, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi, Vijayawada.

The following have attended the meeting:

1. Shri Siddharth Jain, IAS, Commissioner of Industries – Chairman
2. Sri B.Suresh Babu, Additional Director of Industries
3. Sri P.Thimma Reddy, OSD, MA&UD Department:
4. Sri K.Venugopal, Director, Ground Water Department
5. Sri B. Surya Prakasa Rao, I/C Director of Boilers
6. Sri Venkata Ramana, Additional Director, Fire Services Dept
7. Sri B.Subbarao, Executive Director, APIIC.
8. Sri G.Subbarayudu, Joint IG, IGRS
9. Sri B.Sivaprasad, Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, APPCB
10. Sri M. Deva Kumar, Joint Commissioner, Distilleries, Prohibition & Excise Dept
11. Sri KSN Murthy, CGM(Comm), APEPDCL
12. Sri K.A.Srinivasa Reddy, Deputy Chief Engineer, Irrigation Dept
13. Sri S.Chakrapani, Joint Director, CRDA
14. Sri P.Haribabu, Divisional Engineer(Commercial), APSPDCL
15. Sri T.Ajay Babu, Deputy Electrical inspector to Govt., CEIG
16. Dr. V.Badarinath, CTO, Commercial Taxes
17. Smt S.V.S S Lakshmi, Asst Secretary, CCLA Office
18. Sri T. Ravi Kumar, Deputy Director, Drug Control Administration
19. Sri W.V.R.K.Reddy, Deputy Director, DTCP
20. Smt B.V.Revathi, Inspector of Factories
21. Sri Lanka Subrahmaniam, Planning Officer, VUDA
22. Sri K.Krishna Reddy, Planning Officer, TUDA
23. Sri R.Hanumantha Rao, Asst Conservator of Forest, Forest Dept
24. Sri K. Sudharshan Babu, ADE, APTRANSCO
25. Smt Anita Jyothi, Drug Inspector, AYUSH

The deliberations held in the meeting and decisions taken are as detailed below:

I OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman in his opening remarks has welcomed the stakeholder department nodal officers to the Single Desk Bureau meeting and thanked them for their invaluable work which contributed to the success of the Single Desk Portal (SDP). The Chairman reiterated the need for the continued engagement of all stakeholder departments in adding more services to SDP and ensuring that AP is the most preferred investment destination. Afterwards, the Chairman initiated the discussion on performance of the SDP especially with respect to pending applications.
II GENERAL

The following are the minutes of the meeting:

1. The overall performance of Single Desk Portal was discussed:
   a. A total of 19,478 (as of 11th May, 2017) have been received on SDP in total since launch and of which 17265 (94.91%) of applications have been approved within SLAs

2. The Chairman invited representatives of the following industries whose clearance applications are pending with various departments:
   a. Essel Group
   b. Chettinad Cements
   c. Shaastha Warehousing
   d. Jairaj Ispat Ltd.
   e. Reddson Seamless Pipes

The representatives were asked to present their issues with respect to their pending applications for discussion in the SDB meeting. After due deliberations with the concerned departments, the Chairman has asked the departments to expedite the applications for clearance.

3. The Chairman reviewed the applications of the following departments specifically concerning the most common reasons for seeking additional information and rejections.
   a. AP Pollution Control Board
   b. VUDA
   c. Directorate of Factories
   d. Fire Department
   e. DTCP
   f. APIIC
   g. Energy Department
   h. CRDA
   i. CDMA
   j. Irrigation & CAD

The Chairman individually examined the various reasons and directed the concerned departments as follows:
   i. Essel group had requested for a reduction in the land price as they were facing problems in financial closure. The Commissioner had instructed them to meet the Collector of the District and asked APIIC to look into the land requirements issue of Essel Group.
      (Action: MD, APIIC)
   ii. Chettinad cements requested for permission towards construction of roadway and Railway Bridge across Tangeda major canal for cement plant approach and had
submitted a request letter to the NSP canal irrigation department. The Irrigation department has been directed by the Commissioner to provide necessary clearance to Chettinad Cements by the end of the Month (May 31st, 2017). Also, the Water Resources Department has agreed to issue the NOC for temporary bridge upon assurance of the investor that it will be removed at his own cost whenever asked by the concerned department. (Action: CE, Irrigation & CAD)

iii. VUDA to investigate the requirement of approach road for Shaastha Warehousing Plant and resolve the land allotment issue within six weeks. (Action: VC, VUDA)

iv. APIIC to investigate on the requirement for approach road and apply for water allocation to the water supply department. APIIC to take the required measures to solve the issue within 6 weeks. (Action: MD, APIIC)

v. APSPDCL to look into the electricity connection requirements of Reddson Seamless pipes and provide feasibility of provision of required power in 1 week. If feasible, DISCOM to provide the applicant with complete details within 2 months (by 11th July, 2017). (Action: CMD, APSPDCL)

The Chairman concluded that the issues related to land allotment procedure, power feasibility and procedure for drawl of water are among the most important issues the investors are facing and their procedures needs to be looked upon.

4. It is noted by the Bureau that Departments like Fire, Factories, APPCB, DTCP and Urban Development Authorities have a high degree of rejections in SDP. The Chairman examined various reasons cited by the departments as a basis for rejection and suggested the departments as follows:

  a. All departments to process applications without Land Conversion certificate and issue a conditional clearance. (Action: All Departments)

  b. Factories department to publish the guidelines which states that the cases where factory license is not required and the process to be updated on the Single Desk Portal. (Action: Director of Factories)

  c. Fire department was instructed to look into the issue of fee mismatch due to which the applications were rejected or delayed in receiving approvals. (Action: Director General, Fire Services)

  d. APIIC & APPCB to consider clearance of application once 75% of fee is received. The department to issue a conditional clearance stating that the balance 25% (once accurately determined) will be paid by the applicant in 2 months. (Action: MD, APIIC & MS, APPCB)

  e. A need to understand the structure and powers provided to officials in APIIC and create a suggestive note on the need for decentralization of procedure, devolution of powers and creation of SLAs for land allotment to ensure efficiency. Further, the relevance of IALA in the State, further improvements in its structure and were discussed upon. (Action: MD, APIIC)
f. APPCB department to create an online algorithm for automatic categorization of industries basis pollution index based on the parameters or questions asked to the applicants. The white category of industries to be removed from the single desk portal as they do not need any approval. (Action: Industries Dept , APPCB & TCS)

g. A provision to be made in the CAF for the investor to choose whether the unit requires less than or more than 10 MW . The timelines for feasibility study, connection set-up and issuance of service No. for less than 10 MW connection is 3 months and more than 10 MW will be 1 year.(Action: Industries Dept & TCS)

h. DTCP and Urban Development Authorities to examine construction permission to industry applicants if there is a road parallel (within 30 mts from either side of track) to the railway track without the need for approval from Railway Authorities. (DTCP &UDAs)

i. Considering the delay due to obtainment of NALA certificate, the Chairman directed that necessary proposal may be submitted to the government that all lands acquired by APIIC are to be given one time conversion on allotment.(Action: Industries Department)

j. All the Permissions/NOCs of Forest Department relevant to Industries to be brought under Single Desk portal.(Action : Chief Conservator of Forest , Industries Department, &TCS)

k. It is decided to request Municipal Administration & Urban Development Dept to make an amendment to reduce width of access road from 40 feet to 30 feet in respect of DTCP/UDA clearances.(Action: Industries Department)

l. Additional services/renewals to be brought on SDP:

The SDB has resolved to include the following additional services in SDP.

**New Services :**

- Mines & Geology: i) Grant of Reconnaissance Permit; Prospecting License or Mining lease ii) Granite Quarry Lease, Marble Quarry Lease iii) Mineral dealer Permit (Action: Director, Mines & Geology, Industries Dept & TCS)
- Legal Metrology: i) Registration under weights and measures act 1998 ii) Registration as manufacturer/dealer/importer iii) Verification and Stamping of Weights and Measures (Action: Controller, Legal Metrology, Industries Dept. & TCS)
- Forests Department : i) Permission for tree transportation ii) Timber Storage iii) Tree Cutting Permission (Action: CCF, Forests Dept., Industries Dept. & TCS)
- Drug Control Administration: Retail / Wholesale License (Action: Director General DCA, Industries Dept. & TCS)
- Boilers Department: Boiler Manufacturer approval, Boiler erector approval (Action: Director, Boilers Dept, Industries Dept, TCS)
Renewal Services:

- Renewal of Drug Manufacturing, Retail / Wholesale License (Action: Director General, DCA, Industries Dept. & TCS)
- Renewal of Boiler Manufacturer approval, Boiler erector approval (Action: Director, Boilers, Industries Dept. & TCS)

m. It is resolved to include the members of following departments in District Industries Promotion Committee (DIPC)
   - Deputy Commissioner, Excise
   - Assistant Controller, Legal Metrology
   - District Forest Officer
   - Representative from Skill Development Corporation
     (Action: Industries Department)

5. The chairman expressing concern over large number of applications approved offline, has directed the departments not to accept any application offline and emphasized on the usage of Single Desk Portal.

   The next Single Desk Bureau meeting will be held on 7th June, 2017.

   The Chairman requested the departments to provide precise information to the investors in cases where they have not complied and put in all the efforts to clear all the undisposed cases, thereby, concluding the meeting.

Sd/- SIDDHARTH JAIN
COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRIES

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Deputy Director(SD)