

## REPORT ON ADDRESS BY SHRI SURESH PRABHU HON'BLE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE, INDUSTRY & CIVIL AVIATION, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 from 3.00 PM – 4.00 PM Venue: HINDUSTAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council organized a Video Conference Session on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm in association with Hindustan Chamber of Commerce, Chennai where Shri. Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation interacted with the representatives of Industry, Trade associations and Export promotion organizations through video conference and shared his vision of industry and trade in India.

Members from FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council and Hindustan Chamber of Commerce attended the session.

Minister stated that this Session was the first ever direct interaction with trade and export bodies at this scale by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and this was an effort to establish a dialogue between the Ministry and the Trade Bodies. Shri. Suresh Prabhu said that Government's duty is to help the industry to grow and facilitate business by simplifying regulations. The Minister referred to the jump made by India to 77 position in ranking of the ease of Doing Business. He also stated the agriculture export policy will help in creating new avenues for exports of India's superior agricultural products.

Suresh Prabhu said that the exports have been growing for the last three years and the Ministry of Commerce and industry has planned to improve the ease of doing business at district level. Commerce Minister said that if GDP of districts grow by 3% it will lead to overall growth of national GDP. The Minister said start-up India is the largest programme in the world for new business ventures and the Government is making all efforts to remove unnecessary hurdles.

