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Chief Minister Sri K Chandrashekar Rao, on Sunday, hosted lunch to the visiting Kerala Chief Minister Sri Pinarayi Vijayan at his residence Pragati Bhavan. After the lunch, both the CMs have exchanged views on a wide range of issues ranging from Ease of Doing Business to law and order, Telangana Welfare Schemes, Tourism, Health tourism, beauty of Kerala Nature, Information technology etc. The Kerala CM has all praise for the programmes, schemes launched by the TS Government in general and for becoming Number one state in the country in Ease of Doing Business Category in particular. CM Sri KCR explained in detail on several queries put forth by Sri Pinarayi Vijayan. Deputy CM Sri Mahmood Ali, Home Minister Sri Nayani Narasimha Reddy, IT Minister Sri KT Rama Rao, MP Sri Balka Suman, MLC Sri Palla Rajeshwar Reddy, Chief Advisor Sri Rajiv Sharma, Chief Secretary Sri SP Singh, DGP Sri Anurag Sharma, CP Sri Mahender Reddy, finance Secretary Sri Ramakrishna Rao, CMO Senior Officials Sri S Narsing Rao, Smt Shanthi Kumari, Smt Smita Sabharwal, Sri Bhoopal Reddy and others participated.

Land for Guest House at Sabarimala

During the meeting, CM KCR took the opportunity, to take up the matter regarding allocation of land for the construction guesthouse for pilgrims from Telangana in Sabarimala, with his Kerala counter part. The CM informed Sri Pinarayi Vijayan that both the state governments have already signed a draft MoU in this regard which is pending with the Travancore Devasthanam Board and wanted the Kerala CM to expedite the matter and allocate land for the proposed Guest House. Sri KCR informed Sri Vijayan that lakhs of devotees from Telangana regularly go on a pilgrimage to Sabarimala.

Ease of Doing Business

Kerala CM Sri Vijayan has all praise for the TS for being Number One in Ease of Doing Business in the country. To this, Sri KCR replied that the innovative and hassle free industrial policy like the Ts-iPASS, Single Window clearances and other such pro-industrial friendly policies of the government have helped the State to make rapid strides in industries sector. He also informed Sri Vijayan how the Telangana State is attracting huge investments in all sectors. Sri KCR gave a copy of the State Industrial Policy booklet to the Kerala CM.

Land Reforms

The Kerala CM has evinced key interest in the Land reforms and maintenance of land records in the Telangana State. Sri KCR in detail explained to the visiting CM the land reforms and maintenance of the land records since the Nizam's period dating back to the Salarjung days. He said pucca record system was in place and these records or updated on a regular basis. In the past, people used to have immense faith on one another so much that they used do the land transactions on a white paper. The TS Government has begun registering such Sada Bainama land records. So far the government has received about 11.5 lakh applications and the registration process is going on explained Sri KCR.

MoU with TS on IT

IT Minister Sri KT Rama Rao who is present in the meeting told the Kerala CM about the rapid strides that the TS made in the IT, IT Enabled services sector. KTR said that five major IT Companies like Microsoft, Google, and Apple etc have their Head Quarters in the city of Hyderabad. Since the Twin Cities have the advantage of having a comfortable weather conditions through out the year, excellent Law and Order situation and seismological safe area, many IT companies prefer Hyderabad. Intervening, Sri KCR said that all the major IT companies in the World have their back-office operations based out of Hyderabad and that was how the city made a beginning in the IT sector. "We are now ranked two after Bangalore in the country and very soon we will be surpassing Bangalore," Sri KCR remarked. Sri KTR informed the Kerala CM that the state of Goa had already signed a MoU with TS on the exchange of IT knowledge. Kerala can also sign a similar MoU with the T State, Sri KTR suggested.

Panchayat Raj Institutions

Kerala CM Sri Vijayan talked about the Panchayat Raj Institutions in their State and their functioning. He said Kerala is the best when it comes to PR Institutions.

Training of Bureaucrats

The Kerala CM wanted to know what kinds of training facilities are there in the T State to train the officers. To this, Sri KCR explained to him about DR MCR HRD Institute, which trains the bureaucrats and other officers on a regular basis. The Institute which is named after former Chief Minister Dr M Channa Reddy is known all over the country for its excellent training courses and modules. Besides training officers from the TS, Dr MCR

HRD Institute also trains officers from other States too. Sri KCR also spoke about the Centre for Good Governance which is also part of the Dr MCR HDR Institute's campus.

Culture and Tourism

Both the CMs also exchanged views on Culture and Tourism of both the States. Sri KCR complimented the Kerala state for being one of the beautiful places in the country. "You are bestowed with nature's beauty. No wonder people refer to Kerala as the God's Own Country," Sri KCR said and recalled his visits to the State when he was second term MLA from Siddipet Assembly segment when he visited Guruvayoor and Kanyakumari. The Kerala CM talked about the Kerala's Ayurveda system of medicine, which is popular all over the World. He also spoke about the health care, hospitals and health tourism of Kerala.

Law and Order

The CM informed Sri Vijayan about the excellent law and Order situation in the State. He spoke about the strong counter intelligence system, deploying of 15000 CC cameras in the city which will be increased to one Lakh, constitution of SHE Teams, Community policing etc., Sri KCR also recalled his visit to Singapore and the outstanding law and order maintenance there specially the neighborhood policing there.

Welfare Programmes

On the welfare programmes, Sri KCR told Sri Vijayan about a plethora of welfare schemes launched by his government some of them were first in the country. He explained about Kalyan Laxmi/Shaaadi Mubarak, 2 bed Room houses, Asara pensions etc., and informed on how the TS government was spending Rs 36,000 Crore alone on the welfare schemes. Rs 75,116 per girl for the marriage under Kalyan Laxmi/Shaaadi Mubarak schemes have already benefitted 2 lakh girls Sri KCR also said. He talked about the residential schools being set up for various sections of the people. He also told the visiting Kerala CM about the rich dividends the TS government schemes are reaping and how people are happy with them. Sri KCR presented an Ikkat Shawl and Charminar memento to Sri Vijayan and said Charminar symbolize the communal harmony of the TS. Sri KCR personally saw Sri Vijayan off. Sri Vijayan is accompanied by his personal staff.