

## TN urged to speed up commissioning of thermal power plants



The Tamil Nadu government should try to speed up the implementation of thermal power plants so that they can go on stream this year itself instead of next year as scheduled now.

“This is necessary to ensure that the state does not slide back to the kind of crippling power cuts that micro and small industries have been suffering from over the past few months which has forced an estimated 10 to 20 per cent of them to close down,” FISME Vice President Mr Gandhi Kumar told *The FISME Factor* in a telephonic interview.

“Since the last one week, the power situation in Tamil Nadu has been comfortable because of wind power generation of about 6000MW, the highest among all states in the country. But by September, this generation will again drop to

almost nothing as wind needed for power generation is available only in the summer months,” Mr Kumar said.

“The state has an overall shortfall of about 2000MW. From this year, however, with new wind farms having become operational, the wind power generation is as much as 6000MW so that we now have a power surplus situation. But this will last only till September,” he said.