

**PRESS STATEMENT OF SELVI J JAYALALITHAA,
HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU - 10.8.2015**

It is with great grief that I learnt of the confirmation of the death of the three brave young officers of the Indian Coast Guard whose mortal remains were found along with the wreckage of the Dornier air craft that went missing on 8th June, 2015. These brave officers were killed while on duty.

The Indian Coast Guard have been the partners of the Government of Tamil Nadu, and of the Tamil Nadu Police in particular, in guarding and protecting the coastal areas of the State. Their personnel have helped in innumerable rescue and relief operations and saved the lives of several fishermen from the State. My heart goes out to the families of the three young officers who lost their lives. I offer my deepest condolences to the families in their moment of grief. I have ordered an ex-gratia payment of Rs.10 lakhs to each of the families of the three officers.

J JAYALALITHAA
CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU

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