



D.O. LETTER NO. 93 /CMO/2021 Dated 19-5-2021

Honourable President of India,

Vana ksham,

I trust that this letter finds you in good health and spirit.

I wish to bring to your kind notice that we have been demanding the early release of Mrs. S. Nalini, Mr. Murugan, Mr. Santhan, Mr. A.G. Perarivalan, Mr. Jayakumar, Mr. Robert Payas, and Mr. P. Ravichandran, who were all convicted in the case of assassination of Thiru. Rajiv Gandhi, Hon'ble former Prime Minister of India, as they have been undergoing the agony of imprisonment for about three decades.

In this regard I wish to state that Mrs. Nalini's original death sentence was commuted under Article 161 of the Constitution of India. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India also commuted the death sentence of other three convicts to that of life imprisonment.

The majority of the political parties in Tamil Nadu have been requesting for the remission of the remainder of their sentence and for immediate release of all the 7 convicts as they have been incarcerated for about three decades. It is also the will of the people of Tamil Nadu.

Further, on this matter, on 9.9.2018, the Government of Tamil Nadu had recommended to the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu for the remission of the rest of the sentence for all seven convicts and their early release. The purported obstacle for exercise of the power of remission was the pendency of the investigation by the Multi-Disciplinary Monitoring Agency of CBI. It has been clarified by the respective stands of the Union Government and CBI before the

Hon'ble Supreme Court that there is no connection between the remission of the sentence and investigation.

Thereafter, the Hon'ble Governor has decided that the Hon'ble President of India is the competent authority to decide on the plea of remission of sentence of these seven persons, and therefore has forwarded the State Government's recommendation to Your Excellency's office.

These seven persons have already suffered untold hardship and agony in the past three decades and have paid a heavy price. There has already been an inordinate delay in the consideration of their pleas for remission. In the present circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, Courts are also recognising the need to decongest prisons.

I therefore request the Honourable President to kindly accept the recommendation of the State Government dated 9.9.2018 and pass appropriate orders to remit the life sentence of all the seven convicts viz Mrs. S. Nalini, Mr. Murugan, Mr. Santhan, Mr. A.G. Perarivalan, Mr. Jayakumar, Mr. Robert Payas, and Mr. P. Ravichandran and direct their release immediately and oblige.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,


(M.K. STALIN) 19/5/2021

To

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