

PRESS RELEASE

Text of the D.O. Letter dated 23.4.2012 addressed by Selvi J Jayalithaa, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India is reproduced below:

"As you are already aware, Thiru Alex Paul Menon, IAS., the Collector of Sukma District in Chhattisgarh State was abducted by Maoists on 21st April, 2012, while he was on an official inspection and review tour in a remote village bordering the State of Odisha. The abducted officer is from Tirunelveli District in Tamil Nadu and as such his family members are very worried over the safety of the officer. It is very unfortunate that the officer was abducted while he was discharging his official duties as the District Collector. I am sure the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs would have already taken steps to ensure the safe release of the abducted officer at the earliest. I would like to stress the fact that the local people including the family members of the abducted officer are greatly exercised over the incident, especially since the Officer is not keeping well, and they are fervently looking forward to the good news of the early release of the abducted officer. I, therefore, strongly urge that immediate steps be taken by the Government of India towards securing the early and safe release of the abducted officer and thereby bring relief to his family members."

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