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Hon'ble Prime Minister of India by Selvi J Jayalalithaa,
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

After the new Government took charge under my leadership, the Agriculture sector is being given the highest priority. As per the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast, the South West Monsoon is expected to commence as per schedule. The current availability of water in the major reservoirs across the State is encouraging. In the light of these favourable factors, the State is geared up for cultivation during the ensuing Khariff season.

I wish to bring to your kind notice that the State has been given an allocation of 2 lakh tonnes of DAP (Di-Ammonium Phosphate) by the Government of India for the Khariff season 2011. With regard to the allocation of 47,000 tonnes of DAP up to May 2011, the State has received only 20,000 tonnes. There is already a shortfall of 27,000 tonnes. We will require an additional 30,000 tonnes of DAP during June 2011 for the Kuruvai cultivation.

I request your kind intervention for ensuring the timely supply of the allotted quantity of DAP and other fertilizers.

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