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Dear *Prime minister,*
Vanakkam,

At the outset, I wish to thank the Central Government for the support extended to Tamil Nadu in combating the COVID-19 pandemic. Mass vaccination is the most potent weapon available to us in this fight and hence it is absolutely necessary that we must ramp up the domestic vaccine manufacturing capacity, in accordance with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of "Self-sufficient India".

You are aware that a modern and high capacity vaccine manufacturing facility, the Integrated Vaccine Complex (IVC) in Chengalpet near Chennai, established by HLL Bio-Tech Limited (HBL) under Ministry of Health, is lying unutilized. Government of India has already invested around Rs.700 crores in this manufacturing facility, which is almost complete but has been lying unutilized for want of additional funds. The recent attempt to find a private partner to run the IVC has also not borne fruit, as there were no bidders for it.

I am very keen that this modern facility must be made functional immediately, in the interest of our State as well our nation. This would substantially enhance the nation's vaccine production capacity and cater to the vaccine requirements of the country as a whole and Tamil Nadu in particular.

I wish to propose that the assets of IVC may be handed over to the State Government on lease, without any past liabilities and with full operational freedom. The State Government will identify a suitable private partner immediately and will make all efforts to commence vaccine production at the earliest. A suitable financial arrangement for Central Government to recover a part of its investment can be subsequently worked out, after the commencement of operations.

I request your kind intervention to immediately hand over the assets of IVC owned by HBL to Government of Tamil Nadu so that the facility can be put to use at the earliest.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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To

Shri Narendra Modi,
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.