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Text of the D.O. letter dated 3.8.2019 of **Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu addressed to **Dr.S.Jaishankar**, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, New Delhi.

I bring to your kind attention the plight of Thiru. Adithyaa Vasudevan, aged 27 years, who hails from Chennai, Tamil Nadu. He was taken into custody along with 22 other Sailors, 18 of them are Indians, when their ship "IMPERO", an UK registered ship was detained by the Iran's Revolutionary Guards.

It is reported that Thiru. Adithyaa Vasudevan, working in the ship "IMPERO" as Third Officer was sailing from Fujairah, UAE to Jubail, Saudi Arabia and was detained on 19th July, 2019 along with 22 other Sailors (including 18 other Indian crew) at Strait of Hormuz by Iran's Revolutionary Guards. The father of Thiru. Adithyaa Vasudevan has represented to the Government of Tamil Nadu for his early release and repatriation.

I request your good office to direct the authorities concerned and secure the immediate release and repatriation of Thiru. Adithyaa Vasudevan and other Sailors to India.

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