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Dear Prime minister,
Vanakkam,

I wish to draw your immediate attention to an urgent issue concerning the future of Class XII students in the state. Citing the spread of Covid-19 in the country, Central Board of Secondary Education on 4-6-2021 had notified that the Class XII Board examinations would not be held this year. CBSE has also formed a Committee to compile the results of Class XII students as per well-defined objective criteria.

While it has always been the consistent and considered view of my Government that the Class XII marks alone should be the basis for higher educational opportunities, we have also decided not to conduct the Class XII State Board examinations this year, considering the prevailing COVID-19 situation. A committee is being constituted to decide on the evaluation and compilation of the marks of Class XII students. Admissions to professional, arts and science courses in our State will be made based on these marks that will be awarded to the students. The above decisions have been made keeping in mind the safety of the students and also the concerns expressed by a large section of educationists, teachers, parents and medical professionals.

Given these circumstances, I am of the strong view that conducting national level entrance examinations for any professional course would be immensely detrimental to the health and well-being of students. I therefore urge you to cancel the conduct of all national level entrance examinations like NEET, as the same reasons adduced for cancelling the Class XII Board Examinations are equally applicable to entrance examinations as well. Our state may be allowed to fill all professional seats including M.B.B.S. seats, on the basis of Class XII marks alone, as we have always emphasized.

I am sure that you would appreciate the fairness of my request, and will act upon it favourably.

With warm regards,

Yours Sincerely,



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