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## Text of the D.O. Letter No.413/CMO/2021, Dated 5-6-2021 of Thiru M.K. Stalin, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu addressed to Thiru Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

The foundation stone for the establishment of AIIMS at Thoppur, Madurai in our State had been laid by you on 27.1.2019. The land for the prestigious institution has already been transferred to the Government of India by the State Government. However, except for the putting up of a compound wall, there has not been any physical progress in the establishment of the institution.

The expeditious setting up of the institution is necessary for providing quality tertiary care to the people belonging to the southern districts of Tamil Nadu as well as neighbouring States. It is learnt that the Government of India has appointed a President, an Executive Director and some Committees for the Institute. However, it is also learnt that the Committees do not have clear authority to execute a project of this size. Meanwhile, due to this avoidable delay, there are also reports that the option of starting the institution temporarily at some other location is also being considered. It is felt that this may further delay the project.

Therefore, I request that a dedicated team of officers with adequate

financial and administrative powers may be appointed immediately and

measures may be taken by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare,

Government of India, to finalize and commence the construction works

immediately. The State Government is willing to extend all cooperation

needed for the immediate commencement and early completion of the

project.

I request your personal intervention in this regard.

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