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CHIEF MINISTER



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Dear Prime Minister,

I would like to convey my personal thanks to you for your wishes on my taking over as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and assuring the State of Tamil Nadu all cooperation. Immediately, I have conducted a detailed review of the COVID situation in the State with the Collectors, Medical Experts and Senior Government Officials.

While the State is taking a number of steps to control the spread of the pandemic, I would like to draw your urgent attention to the severe crisis with regard to the availability of medical oxygen in Tamil Nadu. At present, Tamil Nadu's daily consumption of medical oxygen is around 440 MT. This is projected to increase by another 400 MT in the next 2 weeks, taking our total requirement to around 840 MT. Unfortunately, in the National Oxygen Plan, the allocation for Tamil Nadu has been given as 220 MT only. Since this is untenable, our officers have been in discussion with the officials of DPIIT on May 1st and May 2nd and it was agreed that at least 476 MT of medical oxygen will be provided to the State immediately. However, this order has not yet been issued which has created a lot of supply constraints to the hospitals.

In view of the sharply dwindling stock of liquid oxygen in the State, an emergency meeting was conducted yesterday by the officials of DPIIT with Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala. The following were agreed in meeting:

1. An allocation of 40 MTs will be provided to Tamil Nadu from INOX, Kanjikode (Kerala) for atleast next 4 days.
2. 60 MTs from Praxair, Sriperumbudur (Linde Saint Gobain) will be allocated to Tamil Nadu. Out of this 60 MTs, 20 MTs will be provided after 2 days.

3. In addition, to meet the medium term requirements, 120 MTs will be provided from SAIL and Linde, Rourkela.

The revised allotment orders are still awaited.

The availability of oxygen in Tamil Nadu is very very critical and there was an unfortunate incident of 13 deaths at Chengalpattu 2 days ago. We request your kind intervention to get revised orders issued and provide full support to Tamil Nadu in this hour of crisis. We also request Government of India to provide at least 20 ISO Cryogenic Containers and trains to transport oxygen to Tamil Nadu.

At this juncture, I would like to assure you my full support and cooperation to your unstinted efforts to tackle this unprecedented pandemic and save the nation.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


7/5/2021
(M.K. STALIN)

To

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