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Text of the D.O. letter dated 8.3.2019 of **Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami,** Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu addressed to **Shri Narendra Modi,** Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

"Our former Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran was honoured with the highest civilian award, the "Bharat Ratna" in recognition of his outstanding contribution to public service by the Government of India in the year 1988.

To the people of Tamil Nadu and to Tamils across the world, Dr. M.G. Ramachandran continues to be an inspirational figure who is always remembered for his qualities of magnanimity, generosity, commanding leadership and determination to fight for the legitimate rights of the States.

Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran, a charismatic and popular Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu is also remembered nationally and internationally for having launched several innovative welfare programmes which have become model to be emulated throughout the country.

In view of his birth centenary, the Tamil Nadu Cabinet unanimously resolved on 9.9.2018 to recommend to the Government of India to rename Chennai Central Railway Station as "Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central Railway Station" as a honour to the memory of Puratchi Thalaivar Dr M.G. Ramachandran, a great and an illustrious son of the nation.

During the public meeting held at Kancheepuram on 6.3.2019, your announcement that the iconic land mark of Chennai *viz.*, Chennai Central Railway Station would be named after Puratchi Thalaivar Dr.M.G.Ramachandran, is a great honour and a befitting tribute to the great leader.

On behalf of people of Tamil Nadu, I express my heartfelt thanks to you for announcing that the Chennai Central Railway Station would be named after our revered leader Puratchi Thalaivar Dr.M.G.Ramachandran.

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