

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Text of the D.O. letter dated 8.10.2020 of Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, addressed to Shri.B.S. Yediyurappa, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka**

Karnataka Government has started many Tamil Schools in various districts over the years to enable Tamil students to study in their mother tongue. Karnataka Government has granted approval as well as provided grants to the private Tamil Schools.

In this connection, we have received a representation from the Karnataka Tamil School and College Teachers Association, indicating that there are many vacancies of Tamil teachers in Government and Government Aided Schools and that the State Government has also not given approval for opening new private Tamil Schools. I enclose a copy of the representation for your kind perusal.

Tamilians have been contributing significantly to the all-round economic development of the State of Karnataka. In particular, Tamilians have made immense contribution in developing Kolar Gold Mines, Hutti Gold Mines, Sandur Manganese Mines, Coffee Estates in Chikmagalur, Mangalore etc. They have also been playing a major role in construction sectors and agriculture sector in the State of Karnataka.

Hence, I request you to kindly take immediate action to protect the interests of Tamil speaking people by:

- (i) Filling up of the vacancies of Tamil teachers in Government and Government Aided Schools in Karnataka.
- (ii) Reopening of such Schools, closed recently.
- (iii) Granting recognition / permission to open new Private Schools with Tamil as a medium of instruction.
- (iv) Restoration of Tamil Schools, which have been converted into other language Schools.

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