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Text of the D.O. letter dated 10.9.2014 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **all the Chief Minister of the States**, enclosing the copy of the letter sent to **Shri Arun Jaitley, Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence, New Delhi.** is reproduced below:-

"As you are well aware, the Government of India has recently circulated a revised draft Constitutional Amendment Bill on Goods and Services Tax(GST). While the intention of the draft Bill is to provide for a common national market for goods and services, there are a number of serious concerns on the impact the proposed GST would have on the fiscal autonomy of the States and the resultant huge permanent loss such a taxation system would cause.

I have, therefore, addressed the Union Minister for Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence, regarding the genuine apprehensions of the State over loss of fiscal autonomy and permanent loss of revenue. I would like to share a copy of the said letter with you. (copy enclosed)

I do hope you will agree with my views that, before enactment of the Constitutional Amendment Bill on GST is taken up, the Government of India should strive for a broad consensus on the important issues relating to GST without compromising the fiscal autonomy of the States."

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