

**PRESS RELEASE**

Text of the D.O. letter dated 12.12.2015 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Shri Narendra Modi**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

"You are personally aware of the extent of devastation that the recent floods caused in Chennai. Life is returning to normal in many parts of Chennai and the other flood affected Districts. There was considerable interruption to various services including electricity supply. Schools and colleges in Chennai, Kancheepuram and Tiruvallur Districts are expected to reopen only on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2015. Various school and University examinations have already been postponed by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

I understand that the Union Public Service Commission proposes to conduct the Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2015, from 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2015, to 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2015. Many students from all over Tamil Nadu appearing for the Civil Services Examination use Chennai as the main centre for preparation, staying in hostels and in other rented accommodation in different parts of the City. Their life has been completely disrupted in the last few weeks and they have been unable to concentrate and study for the Examination.

Given the hardship students from Tamil Nadu have suffered in the past few weeks, conducting the Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2015, from 18<sup>th</sup> December will place these candidates at a distinct disadvantage vis-a-vis candidates from other parts of the country. As this has been a calamity a severe magnitude affecting a large population, I request you to kindly take up the issue with the Union Public Service Commission and have the Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2015, postponed by at least two months to enable the students from Tamil Nadu also to appear in these Examinations with adequate preparation and on a level playing field with their counterparts elsewhere in the country."

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