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CHIEF MINISTER



SECRETARIAT CHENNAI - 600 009

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I convey my hearty congratulations to you on the outcome of the Parliamentary Elections. You may now become very busy with consolidating the electoral gains, formation of new Ministry and constituting the 15th Parliament. While I am very happy about all these developments in India, I am equally sad about the incidents reported to be In this connection, I wish to draw your kind taking place in Sri Lanka. attention to my request sent to you by fax at 2,30 a.m. in the early hours of today.

Pursuant to the indefinite fasting I undertook on 27-04-2009 at Chennai, your speedy and effective steps had made the Sri Lankan Government to convene its Defence Council and announce stoppage of all Despite this announcement, military action is said to be still continuing causing heavy civilian casualties.

A number of countries in the world including the USA and the UK and the UN are reported to be very concerned about the heavy loss of human lives in Sri Lanka and the plight of the Sri Lankan Tamils. Consequently they have been prevailing upon the Sri Lankan Government for a peaceful resolution of the issues. It would be appropriate now, at this critical juncture, for the Government of India to intervene more effectively for stopping further killings of Tamils in Sri Lanka and to find a lasting political solution.

Therefore I urge the Government of India to kindly take all necessary steps for preventing the continuance of destruction of human lives and property and ensuring peace in Sri Lanka. Any delay in this regard will nullify the tremendous amount of constructive steps we have taken so far.

> Yours sincerely. Sd/- xxx (M. KARUNANIDHI)

To

- 1) Dr. Man Mohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, New Delhi.
- Tmt. Sonia Gandhi, 2) Chirperson of the UPA செய்தி, மக்கள் தொடர்புத் துறை, தலைமைச் செயலகம், சென்னை-9.