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CHIEF MINISTER



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Dear Sir,

I listened to your speech to the Nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the 60th Anniversary of Independence Day with great interest and was happy about the emphasis on public spending in the areas of Education, Healthcare, Agriculture and Rural Development. I heartily congratulate you on your decision to allocate Rs. 25 thousand crores to Agriculture, which is the prime need of the hour. These areas are also close to my heart and I completely agree with you when you said that "We will make India a Nation of educated people, of skilled people, of creative people".

You will agree that science and technology have emerged as major determinants of the wealth and power of a Nation. The need of the hour is to produce a large number of competent engineers, scientists and managers of international quality who will take the Nation ahead on the economic front. In this background, your announcement to establish new Indian Institutes of Management, Indian Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Information Technology and Indian Institutes of Science, Education and Research is highly appropriate and timely.

As you are aware, Tamil Nadu has always given great emphasis to education and particularly to technical and professional education. The State has made consistent efforts to make colleges and polytechnics accessible and affordable to all the people. The availability of such skilled man power has enabled the State to attract huge investments in industry and business.

To sustain and give further fillip to these efforts, I request your kind intervention for opening one Indian Institute of Technology (I.I.T.) at Madurai, one Indian Institute of Science, Education and Research (IISER) at Tiruchy and one Indian Institute of Management (I.I.M.) at Coimbatore. In addition, we would also welcome your announcement to set up colleges in districts with low level of enrolment, Government support for new high quality schools in every Block and setting up of appropriate number of Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnics, Vocational Schools and

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Skill Development Centres to ensure vocational training for a larger number of youth in the State.

I am confident that you will take favourable decision to set up new I.I.T., I.I.M. and I.I.Sc. in Tamil Nadu as requested above. This will enable Tamil Nadu to achieve its dream of providing quality higher education and vocational training to a large number of aspirants and in the process augment the human resource development and sustain the pace of industrialization and employment generation.

Kind Regards
Yours sincerely,
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