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Text of the D.O. letter dt.19.6.2014 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Shri Narendra Modi**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, New Delhi is reproduced below:

"As you are aware, 46 Indian nurses working in Tikrit General Hospital in Iraq are trapped in the current conflict in that country. Six (6) of these nurses, Sini, Sili, Simi, Aleena, Neethu and Maneetha are from the Nilgiris district in Tamil Nadu. Their families are extremely anxious about the safety of these young nurses. These nurses are innocent bystanders, rendering valuable service to the health system of Iraq. India and the international community at large are duty bound to ensure their safety and to provide them a safe passage back to their homeland.

Hence, I would be grateful if you could kindly intervene personally and take up the matter at the highest level in Iraq and with other international agencies including the United Nations and the Red Crescent to secure the safety and security of the Indian nurses, including the six from Tamil Nadu and arrange for their safe passage back to India."

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