

**செய்தி வெளியீடு**

தமிழ்நாட்டில் கோவிட் தடுப்பூசிகள் அதிகளவில் போடப்பட்டுவரும் நிலையில், அக்டோபர் 31 ஆம் தேதிக்கு முன்பாக தகுதியுள்ள அனைவருக்கும் இத்தடுப்பூசிகளைப் போடுவதற்காக வாரம்தோறும் 50 இலட்சம் தடுப்பூசிகள் தமிழ்நாட்டிற்கு வழங்க வேண்டுமென்று கோரி, மாண்புமிகு இந்தியப் பிரதமர் திரு. நரேந்திர மோடி அவர்களுக்கு மாண்புமிகு தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சர் திரு. மு.க. ஸ்டாலின் அவர்கள் இன்று கடிதம் எழுதியுள்ளார்.

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Text of the D.O. Letter No.2421/CMO/2021, Dated 20-9-2021 of Thiru M.K. Stalin, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu addressed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, requesting to facilitate in providing the additional doses of 50 lakh COVID vaccines to the State every week:**

In continuation of the letter addressed to you on 13-7-2021, I would sincerely thank the Government of India for supporting the initiatives in our efforts against COVID-19 and also providing adequate Covid vaccines to Tamil Nadu. However, I wish to inform that Tamil Nadu still continues to be below the national average in many parameters of Covid vaccination, primarily due to the inadequate pace of vaccination in the first four months of the programme. This is despite our Government's best efforts since taking over, exhausting the supplies within two to three days of receipt of the vaccine doses. Hence, our State urgently needs additional supplies of vaccines to compensate for the past deficit.

In this regard, I am pleased to inform that in addition to regular daily vaccinations, the two mega camps were a resounding success. The State could vaccinate a record 28.91 lakh eligible persons on 12-9-2021 and another 16.43 lakh eligible persons on 19-9-2021. The State has crossed 4 crore vaccinations and has administered over a crore doses within the first 19 days of this month. In spite of such increase in pace of vaccinations, the State is still below the national average, since the State continues to get much lower quantities than the other states in terms of per capita vaccine allocation. Hence, unless the allocation is increased substantially, the State will always be below the national average for those indicators, let alone go above it.

The Government of India has supplied 3.97 crore doses of Covid vaccine and 2.21 crore (0.5 ml) AD syringes to the State, till 19-9-2021. By deriving more doses out of the each 10 ml vial, the State has been able to vaccinate 4.13 crore persons in Government Covid Vaccination Centres. The State realizes that despite the levels of vaccinations achieved in the State, it stills has a large eligible population which is yet to get vaccinated and this continues to make the State vulnerable for COVID cases.

Considering the capacity of the State and the uncovered eligible population, the State has no other option to continue organizing such mega camps at regular intervals in addition to daily vaccinations. Only this can help us to overcome the low vaccination numbers achieved in the first four months of the vaccination programme. In our estimation, the State is easily capable of utilizing 50 lakh vaccine doses every week. i.e. five lakh doses/per day for six days and 20 lakh doses for a mega camp on the seventh day of the week. I have directed my officers to closely liaise with the officials of the Ministry of Health, Government of India and provide all necessary information to enable the State to get the additional doses.

I hence request you to kindly facilitate in providing the additional doses of 50 lakh Covid vaccines to the State along with equal number of 0.5 ml of AD Syringes or 1 ml / 2 ml syringes to the State every week. This will enable the State in vaccinating all the uncovered eligible population by October 31st, 2021 apart from administering second dose to persons who are due to receive them.

I request your early intervention in this regard.

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