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Text of the D.O.letter dated 23.6.2018 of **Thiru Edappadi K.Palaniswami, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu** addressed to **Shri Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation.**

I would like to thank you for the efforts taken by your Ministry to promote Air connectivity between Regions under the UDAN Scheme in the State of Tamil Nadu. People in and around Salem District have welcomed the scheme and are benefitted by the flight services to Salem Airport.

Similarly, Hosur is an important industrial hub in Krishnagiri District, which was selected under the UDAN Scheme in the first phase and flight operations are yet to start for want of "No Objection Certificate" from Bangalore International Airport. The Hosur Airport, will be an engine of growth to the industrial hub of Krishnagiri and neighbouring Districts and also will develop the Chennai-Bangalore Industrial Corridor. I therefore request you to kindly instruct the Civil Aviation authorities to make Hosur Airport operational immediately.

Neyveli has also been selected in the Phase I of UDAN Scheme and bidding process with airline operators has been completed. I request you to take necessary steps to bring flight operations to Neyveli as early as possible.

I would also like to point out that Ramanathapuram has been included in the Phase II of the UDAN Scheme. Rameswaram is an important Pilgrimage and Tourism centre, attracting tourists from all over India. Therefore, I request you to take necessary steps to start Air operations to Ramanathapuram as expeditiously as possible by starting the bidding process.

May I request your kind intervention on the above issues immediately?

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