## <u>செய்தி வெளியீடு</u>

உக்ரைனில் இருந்து திரும்பிய மருத்துவ மாணவர்களின் நிலை குறித்து மக்களவையில் சமீபத்தில் அளிக்கப்பட்ட பதிலால் மாணவர்கள் மத்தியில் ஏற்பட்டுள்ள கவலையைச் சுட்டிக்காட்டி, அவர்களின் எதிர்காலத்தைப் பாதுகாக்கத் எடுக்குமாறு தேவையான நடவடிக்கைகளை மாண்புமிகு இந்தியப் பிரகுமர் திரு.நரேந்திர அவர்களுக்கு மாண்புமிகு தமிழ்நாடு மோடி முதலமைச்சர் திரு.மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் அவர்கள் இன்று (24–7–2022) கடிதம் எழுதியுள்ளார். இது தொடர்பாக மாண்புமிகு இந்தியப் எடுக்கும் பிரதமர் அவர்கள் அனைத்து முயற்சிகளுக்கும் ஒத்துழைப்பை அளிக்கும் தமிழக அரசு (屮(屮 என்று உறுதியளிப்பதாகவும் மாண்புமிகு முதலமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தனது கடிதத்தில் குறிப்பிட்டுள்ளார்.

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## Text of the D.O. Letter of Thiru M.K. Stalin, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu addressed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Thiru Narendra Modi, requesting him to take necessary steps to secure the future of the Medical Students who have returned from Ukraine:

I would like to draw your attention to the anxiety among students due to the recent reply in Lok Sabha with reference to the status of the medical students who have returned from Ukraine and request you to take the necessary steps to secure their future. In response to a query raised in the Lok Sabha, it has been clarified by the Minister of State of Health and Family Welfare that, "No permission has been given by the National Medical Commission (NMC) to transfer or accommodate any foreign medical students in any Indian Medical Institute or University". While we are cognizant of the fact that this reply has been given in the specific context of some steps taken in a State, I would like to highlight that this has once again brought the uncertain future of the students to the fore.

Since the beginning of the conflict, around 2000 medical students from Ukraine have returned to Tamil Nadu, one of the largest number among all the states in our country. Given the current situation in Ukraine, it may not be practically possible for these medical students to immediately return to their colleges in Ukraine and the uncertainty is likely to prevail even after the cessation of hostilities. Considering this, our State has been repeatedly urging you to take necessary steps to accommodate these students in India or in suitable Universities abroad.

While we acknowledge the immediate steps taken by the Union Government to evacuate the students in coordination with the States, there is a sense of disappointment amongst students that similar concrete steps have not been taken by the Union Government towards continuance of their studies. I would therefore request you to direct the NMC and the Union Ministries concerned to initiate steps to bring in necessary amendments in the relevant Central Acts, to enable these students to continue their studies in medical colleges in India. If this solution is deemed difficult, then necessary steps need to be immediately initiated to provide these students with an alternative option to continue their studies in foreign Universities, with similar regulations and academic ambience.

Considering the delay which has already happened, I request your urgent intervention in this regard. I assure you that the Tamil Nadu Government will offer its full cooperation to all the efforts taken by you on this issue.

