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Text of the D.O. letter dated 26.7.2018 of **Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu addressed to **Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari**, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways.

"I invite your attention to the on-going All India Lorry Strike since 20th July 2018 by the All India Motor Transport Congress and would like to bring to your kind notice the difficulties being faced by the people of Tamil Nadu.

Tamil Nadu is one of the Industrial and Urbanised State in India and a major producer of vegetables and eggs. Many industrial clusters are functional in Tamil Nadu such as Garments Industry in Tiruppur, Erode and Karur, Foundry and Textile Mills in Coimbatore, Leather Industry in Vellore, Automobiles and Electronics Industry in and around Chennai, Construction and real estate Industry in Chennai and Coimbatore, Heavy Machinery and Electrical equipments manufacturing in Trichy, Vegetable cultivation in Dindigul, Ooty and Tirunelveli, Flowers cultivation in Madurai and Theni, Eggs, Poultry, Tanker Lorry, chassis and Bus body building Industry in Namakkal and Karur, Cement Industry in Ariyalur, etc.

More than 4.5 lakh lorries and trucks are registered in Tamil Nadu and more than 10 lakh people are directly and indirectly dependent on the lorry and truck industry for their livelihood.

This strike has affected the livelihood of many workers who are dependent on this industry. Many perishable commodities like vegetables, flowers, eggs and poultry from various parts of the State are stagnating due to the ongoing lorry strike.

There is a danger of increase in the price of essential commodities and continuance of this strike might result in shortage of essential commodities in the State.

I, therefore, request your immediate intervention in the issue to resolve the strike and to pave the way for uninterrupted transport of goods."

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