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" I am by the people and for the people"

- Puratchi Thalaivi J JAYALALITHAA

Date : 10.1.2017

Respected Honourable Prime Minister,

Vanakkam.

I would like to bring the following very important and urgent matter for your benign consideration so that immediate action is taken for the conduct of Jallikkattu in Tamil Nadu, this week-end, when Pongal, the Tamil festival, is being celebrated. This Sporting event is inextricably linked to the rural, agrarian customs, practices and psyche of the Tamils and also helps in the conservation of native germplasm, since Bulls with excellent physical attributes alone are reared for this Sport.

Jallikkattu is a traditional sporting event of Tamil Nadu and forms an essential part of the Pongal Festivities. The Bulls specially reared for the purpose are tamed by ardent youths and this sport is not in the least cruel to animals, unlike other sporting events involving Horses, Camels and other animals. No cruelty is practiced on the animals per se. Also Bulls are worshiped as a deity by the religious in Tamil Nadu and care is always taken by the youth taming them, not to inflict any pain on them. The ban on Jallikkattu has incensed the public of Tamil Nadu and the youth in particular, and all efforts have to be taken to revoke the ban. In this context it must be observed that my mentor, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma was keen that Jallikkattu sport is restored to its original glory as the primal sport of Tamil Nadu. The Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India should clearly de-notify Bulls as 'performing animals' and I request you, Honourable sir, to take appropriate steps to enable the traditional sports of Tamil Nadu to be played in our soil. This is my earnest request as there is widespread resentment against the ban.

The Youth of Tamil Nadu, in particular want the sport to be played, as they feel that it is their divine traditional right, wherein they exhibit their courage in taming the Bulls.

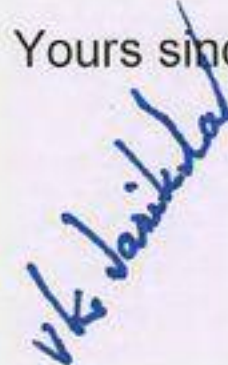
In view of the above, I request you to kindly intervene in the matter to promulgate an Ordinance to amend the PCA Act, to de-notify the Bulls from the notification of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, so as to lift the ban on Jallikkattu and preserve Tamil Nadu's culture and tradition. This would ensure that Jallikkattu is conducted during this week-end, during the Pongal festivities in Tamil Nadu.

Once again, I reiterate, Sir, that lifting the ban on Jallikkattu, would be the ultimate joy for Tamils, not only in Tamil Nadu, but across the globe, which would ensure that the people of Tamil Nadu really celebrate the Pongal festival with traditional fervour and gaiety.

Thanking you,

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


V.K. SASIKALA

To

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South Block,
New Delhi.