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## **HE President & Hon'ble Prime Minister of Sri Lanka**

## Condone the demise of Selvi J Jayalalithaa

His Excellency Shri Maithripala Srisena, President of Sri Lanka and Shri Ranil Wickremesinghe the Hon'ble Prime Minster of Sri Lanka have sent condolence message on the demise of Selvi J Jayalalithaa, Former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

A delegation led by Sri. Arumugam Thondaman, Member of Parliament, Thiru Senthil Thondaman, Acting Chief Minister of Uva Province, Thiru M.Rameshwaran, Minister of Agriculture, Center Provincial Council, Thiru V.Krishnamurthy, Deputy High Commissioner, and Thiru Ganesamurthy, Vice-President, Ceylon Workers Congress handed over the Condolence messages to Thiru Ch.Vidyasagar Rao, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu at Raj Bhavan, Chennai today (7/12/2016).

In the Condolence message, His Excellency The President of Sri Lanka Shri Maithripala Srisena said,

"I am saddened by the news of the demise of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of the state of Tamil Nadu Ms. J Jayalalithaa.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Jayalalithaa was totally dedicated to the welfare of the people she represented and was dearly loved by her people. Hon'ble Jayalalithaa was a towering presence in Indian politics and was elected five times to lead the state government of Tamil Nadu.

In Hon'ble Jayalalithaa, India loses a leading female politician and a truly pro-poor leader, whom people fondly called 'Amma'

At this time of grief, our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Tamil Nadu".

In his Condolence message Shri Ranil Wickremesinghe, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Sri Lanka has stated,

"Sri Lanka mourns the loss of a stateswoman who upheld the welfare of her people and was much loved by them. Hon'ble Chief Minister of the State of Tamil Nadu, Selvi J Jayalalithaa was a visionary leader of our times.

Ms. Jayalalithaa leaves behind a legacy that speaks of political acumen and leadership skills that endeared her to her people. She understood their needs and could relate to them, confirming her ability to lead by example.

She was always "Amma" to her people in thought and in deed - her selfless dedication to her people was evident in everything she undertook on their behalf.

The people and the Government of Sri Lanka join me in offering our deepest sympathies towards your great loss.

Hon'ble Governor, Please be kind enough to convey our Condolences to the family of Ms.Jayalalithaa."

Sri. Arumugam Thondaman, Member of Parliament and other delegates also expressed their deep-felt Condolences.

Thiru Ramesh Chand Meena, IAS, Principal Secretary to Governor, Thiru K.V Muralidharan Deputy Secretary and Comptroller, Thiru D.Mohan, Deputy Secretary to Governor were present.

The Consul General of Germany in Chennai Mr. Achim Fabig has also sent a fax expressing his deep felt condolences on the demise of Selvi J Jayalalithaa, Former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

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Raj Bhavan, Chennai 07.12.2016 for Principal Secretary to Governor