

செய்தி வெளியீடு

குடியரசு தின அணிவகுப்பில் தமிழ்நாட்டிலிருந்து நாட்டின் விடுதலைக்காகப் போராடிய வ.உ.சி., மகாகவி பாரதியார், இராணி வேலுநாச்சியார், மருது சகோதரர்கள் ஆகிய விடுதலைப் போராட்ட வீரர்களின் உருவங்கள் அடங்கிய ஊர்தி இடம்பெறுவது மறுக்கப்பட்டு இருப்பது ஏமாற்றம் அளிக்கிறது என்றும், மாண்புமிகு பிரதமர் அவர்கள் இதில் உடனே தலையிட்டு விடுதலைப் போராட்ட வரலாற்றில் தமிழ்நாட்டின் பங்களிப்பு இடம்பெறுவதை உறுதிசெய்யுமாறு மாண்புமிகு தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சர் திரு. மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் அவர்கள், மாண்புமிகு பிரதமர் திரு. நரேந்திர மோடி அவர்களுக்குக் கடிதம் எழுதியுள்ளார்.

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Text of the D.O.Letter of Thiru M.K. Stalin, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu addressed to Hon'ble Prime Minister

**Dear Prime Minister Avargal,
Vanakkam,**

I am deeply disappointed to know that the State of Tamil Nadu has been deprived of the opportunity to participate in the ensuing Republic Day Parade to be held on January 26 in New Delhi. The Ministry of Defence, Government of India had proposed the Theme of the tableaux for Republic Day Parade, 2022 as "India @ 75 – Freedom Struggle, Ideas @ 75, Achievements @ 75, Actions @ 75, & Resolve @ 75". Tamil Nadu had submitted sketches choosing the theme "Tamil Nadu in the Freedom Struggle" depicting the renowned freedom fighters from Tamil Nadu.

In fact, the representatives of the State appeared before the Expert Committee for selection for Tableaux thrice. In the first meeting, the Expert Committee expressed satisfaction about Tamil Nadu's theme "Tamil Nadu in the Freedom Struggle". The design depicted freedom fighters of Tamil Nadu during the British Raj in the front and during the East India company's period at the back of the tableau.

The design had V.O.Chidambaranar (VOC), the famous freedom fighter who founded the Swadeshi Steam Navigation Company in 1906 during Indian Independence movement to compete against the British. VOC was charged with sedition by the British Government and sentenced to imprisonment.

The design also had Subramania Bharathi popularly known as Maha Kavi Bharathiar who kindled patriotism in the minds of the people with his fiery patriotic songs and writings during the Indian Independence movement. The poet was held in high esteem by Mahatma Gandhi also.

The rear of the tableau had been designed to showcase a statue of Rani Velu Nachiyar riding a horse with a sword in hand and with women soldiers. She was the first Indian Queen to wage a war with the East India Company in India. She was the Queen of Sivagangai Region from 1780 to 1790. She blew up an ammunition storage of East India Company by arranging a suicide attack. She is being hailed as “Veeramangai” a brave woman.

Marudhupandiyar brothers (known as Maruthu brothers) gave protection to Queen Velu Nachiyar and helped her to win the war against the East India Company and win back Sivagangai. They also became Kings of Sivagangai and later were executed by the East India Company. The images of Maruthupandiyars are proposed to be depicted in the tableaux.

V.O.Chidambaranar, Maha Kavi Bharathiar, Veeramangai Velu Nachiyar, Maruthu brothers are few among the several freedom fighters from Tamil Nadu. Exclusion of the tableau of Tamil Nadu will deeply hurt the sentiments and patriotic feelings of the people of Tamil Nadu. That the committee chooses to ignore and reject all the seven designs shown to it as per the modifications suggested by its members is unacceptable. I am given to understand that Tamil Nadu was not called for the fourth round of meeting and it was informed that the State of Tamil Nadu has been left out while shortlisting.

This is a matter of grave concern to the State of Tamil Nadu and its people and I request your urgent intervention to arrange to include the tableau of Tamil Nadu that will showcase the freedom fighters of Tamil Nadu in the Republic Day Parade 2022 in New Delhi.

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