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To
Mr. Edappadi K. Palaniswami
The Chief Minister,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009

Via electronic mail.

Sir,

Subject: Mandatory installation of Aarogya Setu by athletes and staff of the sports centers.

The Tamil Nadu government in its SoP dated 24.07.2020 by the Revenue and Disaster Management Department has made installation of Aarogya Setu mandatory for the athletes and staff for resuming practice sessions. As you may be aware the Ministry of Home Affairs through its guidelines dated 17.05.2020 and other subsequent guidelines has made installation of Aarogya Setu on “best-effort” basis.

We write this to you to kindly reconsider this step and withdraw the requirement of making Aarogya Setu mandatory. This step will exclude athletes and staff who do not have access to smartphones. In an ongoing case in the Karnataka High Court, the Government of India has clarified that Aarogya Setu is not mandatory for availing any government services.

Through this letter, we urge you to ensure that principle of consent and due process is followed while allowing athletes to resume practice sessions.

Regards,

Sincerely,
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