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**His Excellency the President,
The President's Secretariat,
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Honourable Sir,

Re: Thirukoneshwaram temple, Hindu Shrine situated at Trincomalee, Sri Lanka

The above ancient Hindu temple worshipped by many devotees of all faiths and visited by thousands of tourists has history over 6,000 years and even mentioned in the ancient Ramayana Script and visited by several Royals of Sri Lanka and India including King Vijaya of Sri Lanka.

The Temple was completely destroyed by Portuguese in the 17th Century when they concurred certain parts of Sri Lanka. It was with great pain and endurance, the devotees could construct the temple of a smaller structure of its ancient glory with collecting pieces of ancient structures and statues in many parts of Trincomalee and suburbs, centuries later in 20th century to what we see, today.

We believe that the Indian Government is interested in resurrecting the Temple to its old glory, at the request of Sri Lankan Government.

The Temple premises is under the purview of Departments of Archaeology despite the fact that several Hindu wellwishers have claimed it for decades to restore it to the Hindu temple administrative society for shrine development. Whilst the pleas of the shrine and the wellwishers are ignored, temporary shops set up by the year 2008 or so have now staked claim to almost 58 permanent shops totally controlled by community alien to Trincomalee are backed by the Departments of Archaeology.

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The Hindu temple administrative society has sought approval to broaden the Chariot Road existed for centuries and restoration of Pilgrims rest have been declined by the Departments of Archaeology.

We therefore will be grateful to you if you could intervene in the matter and stop construction of the permanent shops which will block the route of the Chariot festival and other important Hindu festivals of the temple.

Yours truly,

V Kandasamy
General Secretary

- cc: 1. Hon. Prime Minister,
Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
2. Hon. High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka
3. Hon. Deputy High Commissioner of India,
Indian High Commission, Jaffna

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