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**PRESS RELEASE**

Responding to complaints received in the Open House at Raj Nivas, Dr. Kiran Bedi, Hon'ble Lt. Governor visited Muthialpet and Reddiarpalayam for the 116<sup>th</sup> weekend morning round by bicycle.

In their complaint, The Puducherry Fishers People Kazhagam had reported that the 100-year-old fish market in Muthialpet was demolished in 2010 for reconstruction with financial assistance extended by two MLAs from their Local Area Development Fund, the Pondicherry Municipal Fund and Central Grant to meet the proposed plan estimation of Rs.2.6 Crore. Part of the terms for completion was that the proposed reconstruction will be completed in 12 months.

On site, Thiru S. Ganesan, Pondicherry Municipal Commissioner, Thiru Sekar, Executive Engineer, Thiru Balaji, Revenue Officer apprised Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor that the construction work was almost complete and was awaiting electricity connection. The Municipal Commissioner said that 72 Fish platforms, 48 provisions and general merchant shops and 72 vegetable platforms will be ready for use post completion thus providing benefits to over 190 vendors.

On being asked about the allotment criteria, Thiru Ganesan clarified that only those vendors who occupied the spots previously and had been temporarily accommodated at the nearby Vellavari Canal location would be placed back in the market on opening. Come other occupants such as the Flower, Vegetable and Fruit Vendors who are currently occupying the sides of the road, would also be brought back. Explaining the process, he informed Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor that each previous occupant had been photographed and had filled out an application.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor instructed the Commissioner to complete all the pending work by November and open the market on an auspicious day in December. By bringing back these vendors to the market, not only will justice be served but also the roadsides that were being occupied by them will now be free for smooth traffic flow.

Thereafter, Hon'ble Lt. Governor visited MAS Colony in Reddiarpalayam to inspect the progress in cleaning of a blocked drain, which was reported via a Whatsapp complaint. Observing the progress, Hon'ble Lt. Governor instructed respective officers to attend to public's complaints on priority basis.

Dr. Amrita Bahl, OSD to Lt. Governor, Thiru J. Kumaran, Public Relations Officer, Dr. S. Bascarane, Grievances Officer and Thiru Karthigayan, ADC to LG. accompanied Hon'ble Lt. Governor.