



GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
LT. GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

No.LGS/2017

Oct 22, 2017

PRESS RELEASE

Some of the newspapers have carried news stating that Hon'ble Lt. Governor had aborted her tour to Pilliyarkuppam after learning that people had assembled to protest against her visit and to raise objections for allegedly not signing files relating to welfare schemes.

The aforesaid news is factually incorrect. Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi earmarked the visit to Kommanthanmedu near Bahour and Pilliyarkuppam based on complaints received. After her visit to Kommanthanmedu, the visit to Pilliyarkuppam was made as arranged by the local team of officers. **There was no diversion or abortion of the tour as reported in the newspaper.**

The visit to Pilliyarkuppam was based on the complaint made. The site visited was as per schedule drawn by the local officers. Even though the complaint contained allegations pointing at person in position, instructions were given to look into the complaint in a fair and just manner.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor was not informed that a section of people had been instigated to protest against her visit on the alleged grounds that the welfare schemes weren't sanctioned. The fact remains that as clarified by Hon'ble Lt. Governor in the matter earlier no file is pending in Raj Nivas. Rather, the Hon'ble Welfare Minister chose to make statements of files relating to Free sugar, Free Saree / Dhoti for Diwali getting delayed when the files weren't even sent to Raj Nivas.

Had the protest been informed, Hon'ble Lt. Governor would have chosen to meet the protesting people and explain to them the factual truth and not to be misguided by false statements in regard to delay in signing of files relating to Welfare Schemes.