

**RAJ BHAVAN, TAMIL NADU - PRESS RELEASE**

Today (25.10.2023) afternoon around 2.45 P.M. a very drastic and serious attack happened against the Constitutional Head of the State of Tamil Nadu. Some miscreants, armed with petrol bombs, tried to barge into through the Main Gate No.1 of the Raj Bhavan, Chennai. However, alert sentries challenged them and prevented their entering the Raj Bhavan, and a grave untoward incident was averted.

After the first petrol bomb was hurled at the main entrance Gate-1 of Raj Bhavan, it burst with a huge sound and burnt the entrance. The security personnel rushed to capture the miscreants. Even when security personnel of Raj Bhavan attempted to subdue the attacker, another petrol bomb was hurled, which resulted in severe damage to the main entrance to Raj Bhavan. Somehow, one of the assailants was overpowered by the Security.

A police complaint has been filed to the Commissioner of Police, Greater Chennai Police, by the Deputy Secretary to the Governor and Comptroller, requesting to register a case under section 124 IPC and other relevant provisions of law and to conduct a proper investigation, ensure due punishment to all the involved persons, including conspirators behind the attacks, and proper security to the Hon'ble Governor.

There have been threat attempts previously too intended to overawe the Hon'ble Governor and restrain him from discharging his Constitutional duties. However, complaints lodged with the police have been inconsequential due to police inaction. To illustrate in an incident on April 18, 2022, the Hon'ble Governor was physically attacked with

sticks and stones while he was on his way to attend a scheduled function at the Dharmapuram Adhinam. The complaint was lodged by Raj Bhavan, but the FIR was not registered and no action was taken against the assailants. A copy of the complaint filed today has been enclosed herewith.

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Raj Bhavan Chennai-22

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