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Dear Sirs,

Sub: Industries – Salem Steel Plant - Provision of Employment opportunities to the family members of those who gave their lands to Salem Steel Plant.

The Salem Steel Plant is functioning at Maramangalathupatti Village, Salem Taluk, Salem District. About 4000 acres of land were acquired for the above said steel plant. The people who gave their lands for establishment of steel plant at that time were assured that they would be provided employment opportunities on priority basis as assured by the then Prime Minister of India, Tmt. Indira Gandhi and a special employment exchange was started for that purpose.

Now, people of the locality and those who gave their lands agitated before the steel factory on 3-4-2010 and 27-04-2010 demanding job opportunities. In this connection, conciliation talks were held on 29-4-2010 with the representatives of the people who gave land to the Steel Plant, by the District Collector, in which the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Thiru Veerapandi S. Arumugam, the Member of the Legislative Assembly Thiru A. Raja and Government officials and Salem Steel Plant authorities participated.

The main demands of the agitators were as follows:

1. A separate Employment Exchange should be started for Salem Steel Plant for recruitment of personnel.
2. All vacancies should be filled up through the above employment exchange only.
3. Priority should be given in employment opportunities to those people who gave their lands to Salem Steel Plant by relaxing the upper age limit as 35.
4. The quarters constructed for the employees should be given to the employees during the service period only and the 99 year lease period now adopted should be cancelled
5. The present interview conducted for recruitment of 78 personnel should be stopped forthwith.

At the end of the meeting, an agreement was reached as follows:

"Out of the 78 posts for which interview has been conducted, the number of people who gave their lands for Salem Steel Plant and who have applied for the above posts should be ascertained. They should be considered based on their educational qualification. In the case of Bokaro Steel Plant and Visakapattinam Steel Plant, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India ordered that priority should be given to those people who gave their lands for establishment of the steel plant. The Steel Plant Authorities are giving effect to the above Supreme Court verdict while recruiting personnel for the steel plants. It has also been agreed that in respect of age for recruitment, the policy adopted by the Government of Tamil Nadu should be adopted by the Salem Steel Plant. Hence forth if personnel are proposed to be recruited, the list should be obtained from the Salem District Employment Exchange Only. In the event of non availability of suitable personnel, publicity should be made in the Statewide dailies and recruitment should be made."

This issue was given detailed deliberation at higher level of this Government and the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister has also assured in the Legislative Assembly, that the matter would be taken to the notice of the Government of India for provision of appropriate relief measures to the persons who have been affected and displaced by the land acquisition activities for establishment of the Salem Steel Plant.

I therefore request you to look into this matter and arrange to issue necessary orders for providing the above relief measures to the persons who have been affected and displaced by the land acquisition activities for establishment of the Salem Steel Plant.

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Yours Sincerely,

M. Karunanidhi

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