

**PRESS RELEASE**

Text of the D.O. letter dated 23.10.2012 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Dr. Manmohan Singh**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India is reproduced below :-

"I would like to draw your kind attention to my earlier letters regarding the acute power shortage prevailing in the State and the necessity to allocate additional power of 1000 MW to Tamil Nadu to partly mitigate the crisis. However, a meagre quantum of 100 MW alone was allocated to Tamil Nadu. Even out of this quantum, only about 78 MW is being made available to the State.

There is severe shortage of power in Tamil Nadu due to the failure of the South West Monsoon and the constraints we face in buying power from sources outside the Southern Region due to corridor congestion. Due to the demand – supply gap of about 4000 MW which is the highest in the Southern Region, widespread load shedding is being resorted to causing severe hardship to the consumers. The Agriculture Sector has also been amongst the worst hit due to the failure of the monsoon and inadequate power supply, thereby affecting food production.

I have already pointed out that the deficit situation in Tamil Nadu has been aggravated due to corridor congestion and have repeatedly requested your urgent intervention to ensure that the required quantum of 1000 MW of power transmission capacity is made available to enable Tamil Nadu to receive the power contracted by the TANGEDCO.

The Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi has proposed to surrender power from various Central Generating Stations for the period from 1.11.2012 to 31.3.2013 for a quantum of 230 MW Round the Clock (00.00 to 24.00 hrs) and 1491 MW during 00.00 to 6.00 hrs. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, TANGEDCO, has requested the Ministry of Power, Government of India, New Delhi, to reallocate the entire quantum of surrendered power to Tamil Nadu and to arrange to provide the necessary corridor on priority basis for availing of the above power.

I request your kind intervention to tide over this acute power crisis in Tamil Nadu. "

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