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Text of the letter addressed to Dr. Manmohan Singh,  
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India by Selvi J Jayalithaa,  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 1.6.2011

I wish to draw your kind attention to the reduced allocation of kerosene made by the Government of India for Tamil Nadu under the Public Distribution System. You are aware that kerosene is one of the important items under the Public Distribution System to protect card holders against inflationary pressures.

There are 1.95 crore Ration card holders in our State enjoying various entitlements. Kerosene is supplied to them as per the approved norms. The actual requirement of kerosene is 65,140 kilo litres per month for our State. Recently, the Government of India has drastically reduced the allocation of kerosene to 44,580 kilo litres for the month of June, 2011, from the earlier allocation of 52,806 kilo litres per month. This allocation itself was a reduced one from the earlier allocation of 59,780 kilo litres given up to March, 2010. This gradual reduction of kerosene allocation to our State over the last two years has been putting the Public Distribution System under severe stress.

You will appreciate that it would be very difficult for the State Government to meet the genuine domestic needs of the public with reduced quantity of kerosene.

I request your kind intervention to enhance the allotment of kerosene from 44,580 kilo litres to 65,140 kilo litres per month to our State immediately.

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