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Text of the letter addressed to Shri Dr. Manmohan Singh,  
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India by Selvi J Jayalalithaa,  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 6.6.2011

I would like to draw your kind attention to the severe power shortage faced by the people of Tamil Nadu.

Due to increasing demand and stagnant generation of power, the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board has been resorting to scheduled load shedding of about 1500 MW and frequent unscheduled load shedding. This has badly affected the industrial sector and the domestic consumers. Agriculture is the worst hit sector due to irregular and inadequate supply of power to agricultural pump sets, thus affecting food production.

I wish to inform you that additional generation of power in Tamil Nadu may take one or two years, since many new projects are in various stages of construction. Even the Central power projects such as the Koodangulam Atomic Power station (2 x 1000 MW) and Neyveli Thermal Power Station Stage II expansion (2 x 250 MW), which were expected to commence power generation by the year 2009 are yet to be completed and commissioned causing serious concern to the State Government.

I have taken several steps to improve energy efficiency and to reduce the gap between supply and demand. Despite these efforts, I am afraid that the power shortage is likely to continue for some more time due to lack of capacity for additional generation of power. Therefore, I request your personal intervention to immediately allocate additional power of 1000 MW from June 2011, to May 2012, from the Central Pool to meet the genuine needs of the farmers and the public. I also request you to kindly issue instructions to speed up the completion of the ongoing Central Power Projects in Tamil Nadu.

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