

**PRESS RELEASE**

Text of the D.O. letter addressed to Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India by Selvi J Jayalalithaa, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 9.3.2012 is reproduced below:

"You are aware that Tamil Nadu is reeling under an acute power crisis.

Major Power projects to be executed by Central Public Sector Undertakings, namely, M/s BHEL, M/s NLC & M/s NTPC are inordinately delayed. To offset part of the deficit, Tamil Nadu is trying to procure power from various other States. Tamil Nadu has been fairly successful in finalizing contracts for a sizable quantum of power. However, the non-availability of a Transmission Corridor has deprived Tamil Nadu of receiving the contracted power.

To cite some examples, Tamil Nadu has contracted a capacity of 500 MW from Gujarat. Of this, only 203 MW could be transmitted to this State. The 727 MW of Night Power contracted from Dadri Power Station (Uttar Pradesh) of M/s NTPC was also curtailed. Tamil Nadu has contracted to an extent of 1750 MW of power from outside Tamil Nadu for the month of March, 2012. However, the corridor availability has been released to the extent of 350 MW only by the Central Load Despatching authorities. This has caused indescribable anguish in Tamil Nadu.

The power deficit situation in Tamil Nadu has been aggravated by the prevailing corridor congestion. The problem of corridor congestion has also been represented to the Central authorities several times.

I request you to kindly intervene in the matter and ensure that the required quantum of 1000 MW of power transmission lines is released to enable Tamil Nadu to receive power contracted by the TNEB.

I had, in my Memorandum presented to you on 14.6.2011 in person, requested 1000 MW of additional power for the State for a period of one year only till the central power utilities which supply power to Tamil Nadu commence their production. Of this, only 100 MW was recently allotted. This inaction and non-responsiveness to our repeated requests during this unprecedented power crisis only shows callousness and indifference on the part of the Centre.

The amazing alacrity shown in superimposing fetters on the rights of the States may also be bestowed on concern for the essential needs of the States and attention to fulfilling them.

May I, therefore, once again request you to kindly intervene and ensure that the congestion in the corridor is eased to enable Tamil Nadu to avail of contract power?

I also request you to use your good offices for allotting 1000 MW to Tamil Nadu as earlier requested by me.

Rest assured Sir, of my continued goodwill and co-operation."

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