

PRESS RELEASE

Text of the D.O.Letter dated 9.7.2016 of **Selvi J Jayalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu addressed to **Shri Narendra Modi**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India :-

"As you are aware, Tamil Nadu is a pioneer in promoting Renewable Energy in the country. Today, Tamil Nadu, with an installed capacity of 7600 MW of wind power contributes about 27 % of the country's total installed wind capacity. In addition, there is an installed capacity of 1142 MW of solar power. Our goal is to add a further 4500 MW of wind power and 5000 MW of solar power over the next 5 years.

Wind energy is seasonal and generated at particular times of the year mainly from June to September in Tamil Nadu. The real benefit of renewable energy is only if it is actually generated and consumed, substituting conventional power and for this it is very important that adequate evacuation infrastructure is established. In this context, Tamil Nadu decided to establish an intra-State Green Energy Corridor and I had written to the then Prime Minister on 16.9.2013 seeking assistance from the National Clean Energy Fund to establish the intra-State Green Energy Corridor. Based on financing from the NCEF and further assistance from the German aid agency, KfW, an intra-State Green Energy Corridor is well on its way to being fully operational.

Normally the wind season is from June to September of every year which coincides with the South West Monsoon. During the current wind season, wind power to an extent of 4400 MW is being utilized in the Tamil Nadu Grid based on the evacuation infrastructure which has been established. Even with the implementation of the intra-State evacuation infrastructure, the entire wind energy generated in the State cannot be fully consumed within Tamil Nadu particularly in this season.

Tamil Nadu is in a position to sell about 1000 MW of wind power to other States, which require this power to meet their Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO). Tamil Nadu has already met its Renewable Purchase Obligation. Many States in India who are unable to meet the Renewable Purchase Obligation, are now approaching Tamil Nadu for assistance for meeting their Renewable Purchase Obligation.

To facilitate the sale of surplus wind power to the States in need of renewable energy, it is important that a dedicated inter-State Green Energy Corridor is established so that the surplus wind energy from Tamil Nadu can be successfully evacuated and sold to other States. I understand that the Power Grid Corporation already proposes to establish such an inter-State Green Energy Corridor.

May I, therefore, request you to instruct the Ministry of Power to speed up the process of establishing the inter-State Green Energy Corridor at the earliest to enable Tamil Nadu to transmit renewable power of 1000 MW to other States which are in need of such power? While dedicated infrastructure would take some time to be created, in the meantime, the Power Grid Corporation may be directed to allocate dedicated transmission capacity on a priority basis to evacuate the surplus wind energy available in Tamil Nadu to other States this season. I would be grateful for early action in this regard.
