

**PRESS RELEASE**

Text of the D.O. letter dated 10.6.2012 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:-**

"You may recall my D.O. letter dated 25.5.2012, in which I have reiterated my request for the enhancement of allocation of kerosene to Tamil Nadu from 44,580 KL to 65,140 KL per month, which is the actual requirement of the State. Further, in that letter, I have cited my earlier D.O. letter dated 1.6.2011 addressed to you and also the Memorandum submitted by me personally to you on 14.6.2011, in which the above request for enhancement of kerosene allotment to Tamil Nadu had been insisted upon. The sudden drastic reduction of the allotment of kerosene to the State from 52,806 KL for the months of April and May, 2011, to 44,580 KL in June, 2011, caused great hardship. After the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam Government came to power in this State, the allotment was further reduced to 39,429 KL for the quarter April 2012-June 2012, without any reason or logic. I had requested you to enhance the allotment to at least 52,806 KL per month to tide over the acute shortage of kerosene faced by the people of Tamil Nadu.

Now the Government of India has given a monthly allotment of 42,460 KL with an increase of just 3,031 KL per month. The increase in allotment now effected is negligible when compared to the drastic reduction effected by the Government of India from 52,806 KL in May, 2011, to 44,580 KL in June, 2011, which was further reduced to 39,429 KL from April, 2012. Thus, my Government has been subjected to great hardship with an unreasonable, cumulative reduction of the order of 13,377 KL (52,806 KL – 39,429 KL) per month.

As Tamil Nadu's Public Distribution System kerosene requirement is 65,140 KL per month, I once again request you to allot at least 52,806 KL per month which was the allotment at the time when my Government assumed power in the State. I hope you will also co-operate with me in mitigating the sufferings of the rural poor and the vulnerable population segment in the State."

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