

Press Release**Meeting of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa with Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Power, Coal, New & Renewable Energy and Mines on 15.7.2016**

The Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa met the Union Minister of State for Power, Coal, New & Renewable Energy and Mines (Independent Charge) Thiru Piyush Goyal in the Secretariat, Chennai today (15.7.2016). During the meeting, the Hon'ble Chief Minister highlighted the following points:-

A) Tamil Nadu has added 8432.5 Mega Watts to the State Grid during the last 5 years, making Tamil Nadu not only a power sufficient State but also a power surplus State.

B) The Hon'ble Chief Minister also highlighted that Tamil Nadu has an installed capacity of 7600 Mega Watts of wind power and is in a position to sell wind power to other States who require to fulfill their Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO). The Hon'ble Chief Minister has therefore reiterated that it is absolutely essential to provide a dedicated green corridor to export the surplus power to other States.

C) With regard to the UDAY Scheme, Hon'ble Chief Minister pointed out that she had already requested the Hon'ble Prime Minister, in her letter dated 23.10.2015 to consider certain requests of the State Government to ensure that the State finances are not adversely affected, while taking over the debt of TANGEDCO.

These points were also reiterated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in her Memorandum to the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 14.6.2016. The Hon'ble Chief Minister requested that the Government of India may consider the request of Tamil Nadu Government positively. **The Hon'ble Chief Minister informed**

that a team headed by the Minister for Electricity, Government of Tamil Nadu consisting of Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance, CMD, TANGEDCO and other senior officials will visit Delhi for detailed discussions with the Union Minister.

E) The Hon'ble Chief Minister also requested that the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) and Power Finance Corporation (PFC) which are Central Public Sector Undertakings may extend co-operation by providing loans for both revenue and capital expenditure and also for the new power projects proposed by Tamil Nadu.

Thiru O Panneerselvam, Minister for Finance, Personnel Administrative and Reforms, Thiru P Thangamani, Minister for Electricity, Prohibition and Excise, Dr P Rama Mohana Rao, IAS., Chief Secretary to Government, Tmt. Sheela Balakrishnan, IAS., (Retd.) Adviser to Government, Tmt. Shantha Sheela Nair, IAS., (Retd.), Officer on Special Duty, Thiru K Shanmugam, IAS., Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Thiru Rajeev Ranjan, IAS., Additional Chief Secretary, Energy Department (i/c) and Dr M Sai Kumar, IAS., Chairman and Managing Director, TANGEDCO and other officials were present. The Union Minister of State for Power, Coal, New & Renewable Energy and Mines (Independent Charge) was accompanied by Shri A K Verma, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India, Shri Santosh Vaidya, Joint Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India, Shri B P Acharya, Chairman and Managing Director, Neyveli Lignite Corporation were present.

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