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Text of the D.O. letter dated 17.12.2011 addressed to **Dr.Manmohan Singh**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu is reproduced below: -

"I was amazed to see in the media that at a Joint Press Conference with the Russian President you had announced that the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project will be "operationalised in a couple of weeks".

May I recapitulate that following our Cabinet Resolution that further works are to be halted until the fears of the local people are allayed and after the presentation of a Memorandum to you by a Delegation led by the Finance Minister of Tamil Nadu, the Government of India constituted an Expert Committee to interact with the nominees of the local people to explain the position of the safety aspects?

The State Government is facilitating the interaction through local officials. The satisfaction of the people of the area is of paramount importance to my Government and the State of Tamil Nadu.

May I add that it is imperative that necessary measures to allay the fears of the people are undertaken before any precipitate action is embarked upon?"

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