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**PRESS RELEASE**

Text of the D.O. Letter dated 18.8.2015 addressed by  
**Selvi J Jayalalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to  
**Shri Narendra Modi**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India:

"I write seeking your urgent intervention in connection with the ongoing strike in Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (NLC) and would like to bring to your notice the precarious situation prevailing in the Neyveli power station complex due to the ongoing strike.

I had brought the issue to your notice in my letter dated 22.7.2015, and informed you that the workers belonging to the recognised and non recognised trade unions of NLC had gone on indefinite strike from 20.7.2015 seeking an early and satisfactory wage revision settlement. I had also requested you to instruct the Ministry of Coal to immediately look into the grievances of the NLC workers and settle the issue amicably.

However, there has been no positive development with regard to finding a solution to the strike by the Ministry of Coal. I have been informed that currently the workers have resorted to picketing against officers and contract workers which would effectively stop mining of lignite and power generation. As you are aware, Neyveli Lignite Corporation is one of the main suppliers of power to Tamil Nadu and supplies about 1450 Mega Watts of power to the State. As a result of the ongoing strike, it is apprehended that about 2990 MW of power production will be affected and Tamil Nadu alone will lose about 1450 MW of power.

I therefore request you to kindly instruct the Ministry of Coal to immediately look into the grievances of the NLC workers and settle the issue amicably. Any further delay in the matter would adversely affect the power supply situation in Tamil Nadu and the Southern States.

May I request immediate action in this matter?"

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