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Text of the D.O. Letter dated 22.7.2015 addressed by

Selvi J Jayalalithaa, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to

Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India is reproduced below:-

"I am writing this letter seeking your urgent intervention in connection with the strike in Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (NLC). The workers belonging to the recognized unions of NLC have gone on indefinite strike from 20.7.2015 seeking an early and satisfactory wage revision settlement. As you are aware, Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited is one of the main sources of power for Tamil Nadu and about 1450 Mega Watts of power is procured by Tamil Nadu from the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Complex.

I have been given to understand that the wage settlement for NLC workers is due from 1.1.2012 and though they have been given interim relief in June, 2014, their wage settlement has not been made so far. I have also been informed that NLC is a profit making Public Sector Undertaking.

May 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 at the earliest in the interest of the industrial climate of Tamil Nadu and also in the interest of ensuring uninterrupted power supply to Tamil Nadu?"

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