

**PRESS RELEASE**

Text of the D.O. letter dated 25.5.2012 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Dr.Manmohan Singh**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India is reproduced below:-

“You may recall that in my D.O. letter dated 1.6.2011, I had requested enhancement of the allocation of kerosene to Tamil Nadu from 44,580 KL allocated for June, 2011, to 65,140 KL per month which is the actual requirement. This was followed by another request on the same lines as contained in the Memorandum submitted by me personally to you on 14.06.2011. I had also brought to your notice the unfair treatment meted out to my Government in this matter by specifically pointing out that the Central allotment of 52,806 KL for the months of April and May, 2011, was reduced to 44,580 KL without any reason. Now, the allocation has been further whittled down to 39,429 KL for the quarter April-June, 2012 again without any reason or logic. While I have been all along pointing out to you that the poor people in the rural and urban areas of Tamil Nadu depend on kerosene supplied through the Public Distribution System (PDS), this callous approach on the part of the Government of India in consistently reducing the allocation is tantamount to penalizing the poor people of Tamil Nadu simply because they voted for the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam Government which is in power at present.

I can only term this as totally arbitrary. The deliberate reduction in the allocation of kerosene by the Government of India to Tamil Nadu even to the extent of 50% of the actual requirement is absolutely unreasonable, unacceptable, unfair and unjust. Hence, I request you to kindly reconsider the whole matter and ensure justice by enhancing the allocation of kerosene to 65,140 KL per month or at least to 52,806 KL which was allotted for April-May, 2011.”

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