

**PRESS RELEASE**

Text of the D.O. letter dated 25.12.2012 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Dr. Manmohan Singh**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India is reproduced below :-

"As you are aware, Tamil Nadu has been undergoing a severe power crisis of a magnitude unprecedented in recent memory. While the demand is of the order of 12000 MW, supply from all available sources is only about 8000 MW, thereby leaving a huge gap of about 4000 MW. Ever since I assumed office as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for the third time in 2011, I have been requesting you for additional allocation of power. To our great disappointment, the response from the Government of India to our request has been totally negative. While I had requested in my letter dated 6.6.2011 for 1000 MW of additional allocation of power, we were allocated a meagre quantum of 100 MW only.

When I had written a letter to you on 23.10.2012 requesting to allocate the power from Central Generating Stations surrendered by the Government of Delhi, I did not receive any positive response. On the contrary, the Government of India cited transmission constraints virtually negating our request. Therefore, it stands to reason that at least, the entire power generated by Central Generating Stations in Tamil Nadu by the Neyveli Lignite Corporation, the Madras Atomic Power Station at Kalpakkam and the Joint Venture Unit between NTPC and Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd. (TANGEDCO) commissioned recently at Vallur near Chennai totalling 2830 MW is allocated to Tamil Nadu where there are no transmission constraints, as an interim arrangement, to meet the huge power deficit and to alleviate the severe hardship faced by the people of Tamil Nadu, till all the new power projects under construction in Tamil Nadu are fully commissioned.

You are also aware of the extraordinary lengths to which the Government of Tamil Nadu has gone to ensure the smooth commissioning of the Atomic Power Project at Koodangulam. In fact, when I had an occasion to meet you recently, you were gracious enough to acknowledge the great effort made by my Government under my leadership in handling the very complex and large scale law and order issues and continuous agitations that were conducted with the sole objective of stalling the commissioning of this nuclear power project. In return, I expect the Government of India to dedicate the entire power of 2000 MW from this project on successful commissioning, to the State of Tamil Nadu.

I would like to point out that this request is not an unreasonable one and not without a precedent. I would also like to point out that the first two Units of 500 MW each totalling 1000 MW produced by the Central Generating Station at Simhadri in Andhra Pradesh, constructed and operated by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has been entirely dedicated to the State of Andhra Pradesh. I request the Government of India to adopt the same yardstick to dedicate the entire power produced by the Koodangulam Power Project to the State of Tamil Nadu in the interest of the people of this State suffering from severe power deficit.

In conclusion, I urge you to bestow your deepest attention on and give your urgent consideration to our request to allocate the entire power produced by the Central Generating Stations in Tamil Nadu to our State as an interim measure and to dedicate the entire Koodangulam Power to our State. "

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