

To
The Prime Minister
Republic of India

Dated: 10.09.2012

Sir,

We are horrified to learn that the police have begun lathicharge and teargas assault on peaceful satyagrahis protesting against the Koodankulam Nuclear Power Plant. They have also arrested a large number of protesters. The Indian media has shown video footages of the said police crackdown.

This assault on peaceful protesters is unwarranted and despicable. The right of citizens to protest peacefully is enshrined in our Constitution and upheld by global norms and conventions.

You are bound by the oaths and commitment of your office to protect the constitutional rights of citizens.

We demand that you do whatever is necessary to put an immediate stop to this horrendous assault on the citizens of this country. Further, all arrested protesters must be released immediately and all cases against them withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,

Bankim Dutta

Arjun Sengupta

On behalf of the Paramanu Bidyut Birodhi Prachar Andolan.

Dr. Selvi J. Jayalalitha

Chief Minister

Tamil Nadu

10.09.12

Dear Madam,

We are horrified to learn of the police assault on thousands of unarmed and peaceful satyagrahis near the Koodankulam Nuclear Power Plant.

You are well aware that the protesters are agitating against the Koodankulam Nuclear Power

Plant. The issue is not whether you agree with their demands. The issue is that they have the right to protest policy decisions of the government and carry on peaceful movements when they feel that their voices have not been heard. This is a right enshrined in our Constitution and is a right that you are duty bound to defend by the oaths of your office. Please note that any violent action by the government against a peaceful agitation is violence against basic principles of human rights honoured all over the civilized world.

In this connection, we appeal to you to immediately intervene and issue necessary orders to

- **Stop the attack on the unarmed protestors**
- **Release all arrested protestors immediately**
- **Revoke all cases lodged against the protestors**
- **Reaffirm the 22 September 2011 resolution of Tamil Nadu cabinet that urged the Prime Minister and the Government of India to suspend work on the nuclear power plant ‘until the apprehensions of the people are allayed’**

Seeking your immediate action, we remain

Yours Sincerely,

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On behalf of the Paramanu Bidyut Birodhi Prachar Andolan.

The Chairperson,
National Human Rights Commission of India,
Faridkot House, Copernicus Marg,
New Delhi 110 001

Sir,

We are horrified to learn of the police assault on ten thousand unarmed and peaceful satyagrahis near Koodankulam.

The protestors are agitating against the Koodankulam Nuclear Power Plant. The issue is not whether the government agrees with their demands. The issue is that they have the right to

protest policy decisions of the government and carry on peaceful agitations when they feel that their voices have not been heard. This is a right enshrined in our Constitution and is a right that the governments are duty bound to defend by the oaths of their office. Please note that any violent action by the government against a peaceful agitation is violence against basic principles of human rights honoured all over the civilized world.

In this connection, Honourable Chairperson, we appeal to you to immediately intervene and do the needful to stop the police attack on the thousands of unarmed protestors.

Seeking your immediate action in favour of the people who are struggling to defend their right to life and livelihood, we remain

Yours sincerely

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