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Title : Need to provide employment to the local people of Nallathur, district Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu in the new project of Madras Atomic Power Station.

PROF. K.M. KADER MOHIDEEN (VELLORE): The Madras Atomic Power Station at Kalpakkam near Chennai is drawing ground water for the past thirty years using more than 25 giant bore wells for its projects like MAPS, Bhavini, IGCAR, G.So. MDG, etc and for its Power Station. Due to this excessive drawal of the ground water the neighbouring, villagers have found their fertile agricultural lands and wells becoming dry. The villagers have become jobless and income less.

At this juncture the Madras Atomic Power Station has set up an additional project to draw additional ground water. This has caused much discontent among the villagers and they have resorted to demonstrations and road rockas. The officials of Atomic Power Station and the Kanchipuram district officials held a Peace Committee Meeting in which the Directors of the Atomic Power Station assured the Village Panchayat presidents and the villagers of giving jobs to 200 persons, particularly the people from Nallathur Panchayat Union. On this basis of assurance for jobs the villagers have agreed for setting up new projects and new bore wells for drawing ground water from their areas. The villagers have submitted applications for the jobs as assured. But till date the villagers are not given any jobs. At the same time people from outside are getting jobs, the villagers complain.

The villagers, having abandoned the agricultural operations are practically on the verge of starving. They are anxiously waiting for favourable treatment from the Madras Atomic Power Station.

I urge upon the Hon'ble Minister for Power through you, Sir, that the villagers, particularly the Nallathur youths shall be selected for suitable jobs by the Atomic Power Station according to their qualifications. Helping the helpless is the real motto of the welfare State.