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Hon'ble Minister for Electricity

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Respected Sir

This is with reference to the news item appearing in the press today with regard to reduction in the quantum of power cut, provided the Industry agrees to regional 'power holidays'.

The Hon'ble Minister was responding to an issue raised by member of assembly Shri P.K. Sekar Babu during the debate on the motion of thanks to the Governor's address. The Hon'ble Minister has stated that the government is prepared to reduce the quantum of power cut imposed on low-tension and high-tension industries if the industries are agreeable to the scheme of regional holidays, pointing out that there was 40 per cent power cut for the HT units and 20 per cent for LTCT units, the Hon'ble Minister said the government was ready to bring down the quantum "in a day or two" provided the units agreed to the scheme.

Our Chamber wishes to inform that our Members are of the opinion that the Power cut should no doubt be reduced. But the region wise staggered weekly holidays is not the correct option as this will result in heavy load on the Grid due to poor compliance from consumers. This will result in unscheduled power cuts again. It has been proved in the last three months that the Grid stability is well settled when the official power cut is in force. We request that this should not be disturbed. The Micro Units with LT connection who do not have any power cut now will be seriously affected if the power holiday is introduced.

We request that the Government should announce reduction in the power cut at the earliest, without withdrawing official power cut.

We request your goodselves to consider our views favourably and issue necessary orders in this regard.

Thanking you

Yours truly

Sd/-
Mahendra Ramdas
President