

Date: 10.02.2013

To
The District Collector
Erode District
Erode

Respected Sir,

Sub: Petition to recommend Honourable Chief Minister for releasing Solatium of Rs 3 lakhs for the family of the deceased Mrs. G.Kayalvizhi, textile mill worker.

Tirupur People's Forum (TPF) is a network of 41 NGOs located at 26 districts of Tamilnadu. It is working against exploitative child labour, camp coolie system and bonded labour in Textile and Garment industry. There are more than 250,000 girls/young women (age group of 12 to 21 years) working under Sumangali/Camp Labour Scheme in Textile Mills.

First of all, we thank for the rescue of 138 Bonded Labourers including very young children on 15th & 16th October 2012 at Karungalpalayam by Erode District Administration.

Ms. G. Kayalvizhi (reportedly about 19 years) daughter of Mr. Govindasamy, resident of Therku Colony, Keela Palaiyur, Kammapuram Block, Virudhachalam Taluk, Cuddalore District. She was working as a Camp Labour/Sumangali Scheme worker in Textile mill located at Mettukadai, Varapalayam near Nambiyur, Erode District. She had reportedly consumed poison in Textile Mill Hostel on 8th February 2013, died after being admitted at a Private Hospital at Coimbatore. Subsequently, case was registered at Varapalayam Police Station.

While we appreciate the efforts of District Administration in this regard, in this context, we demand the following: -

1. We kindly request the District Collector to recommend the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamilnadu for releasing Solatium of Rs 3 lakhs for the family of the deceased released Chief Minister Relief Fund.
2. We kindly request you to order for a RDO enquiry on the suspected death of Ms. G. Kayalvizhi, a Camp Labour Textile Mill Worker.
3. We demand formation of Erode District Committee on the protection of camp labour textile mill workers to assess the safety of girls/young women

Yours sincerely

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