

## Kerala Electricity Board teams restored electricity in Tamil Nadu post Gaja



As Tamil Nadu grapples with the after effects of cyclone Gaja, neighbouring state Kerala stepped up to help the storm-hit state and teams of 400 employees of Kerala Electricity Board took up the mission to repair electric lines in Tamil Nadu and restored electricity in the state.

Although Kerala is still rebuilding itself from the worst rainfall of the century, the state did not forget that Tamil Nadu was one of the first and most supportive states in their difficult times; and hence, decided to provide maximum support as Tamil Nadu struggles to return to normalcy after being hit by cyclone Gaja. The cyclone has completely disrupted the functioning of the state by destroying roads, transportation as well as electric network by damaging thousands of electric transformers and electric lines in Tamil Nadu.

Stepping up to help the ailing state, Kerala government immediately provided manpower assistance to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board by deploying as many as 400 employees of the Kerala Electricity Board (KSEB). The board stated that their employees from Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Alappuzha, Thrissur, Palakkad, Malappuram and Wayanad districts have been deployed in Gaja-hit regions. The repairing work of damaged electric network was first completed in worst hit areas of the state - the Thanjavur and Pudukottai districts primarily.

Currently, uncountable number of electric poles are being installed and reconstruction of electric lines in order to restore power in the calamity hit areas is undergoing in various regions. The restoration of Tamil Nadu is still on and KSEB officers said that, "the efforts need to be continued for a few more days as the task is big". Also, monetary support from all over the country is pouring down on the Distress Relief Fund of Tamil Nadu state government.