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TOTAL REVERSAL

From
WITHOUT LIGHT
to
PROVIDING LIGHTS TO HUNDREDS OF POOR

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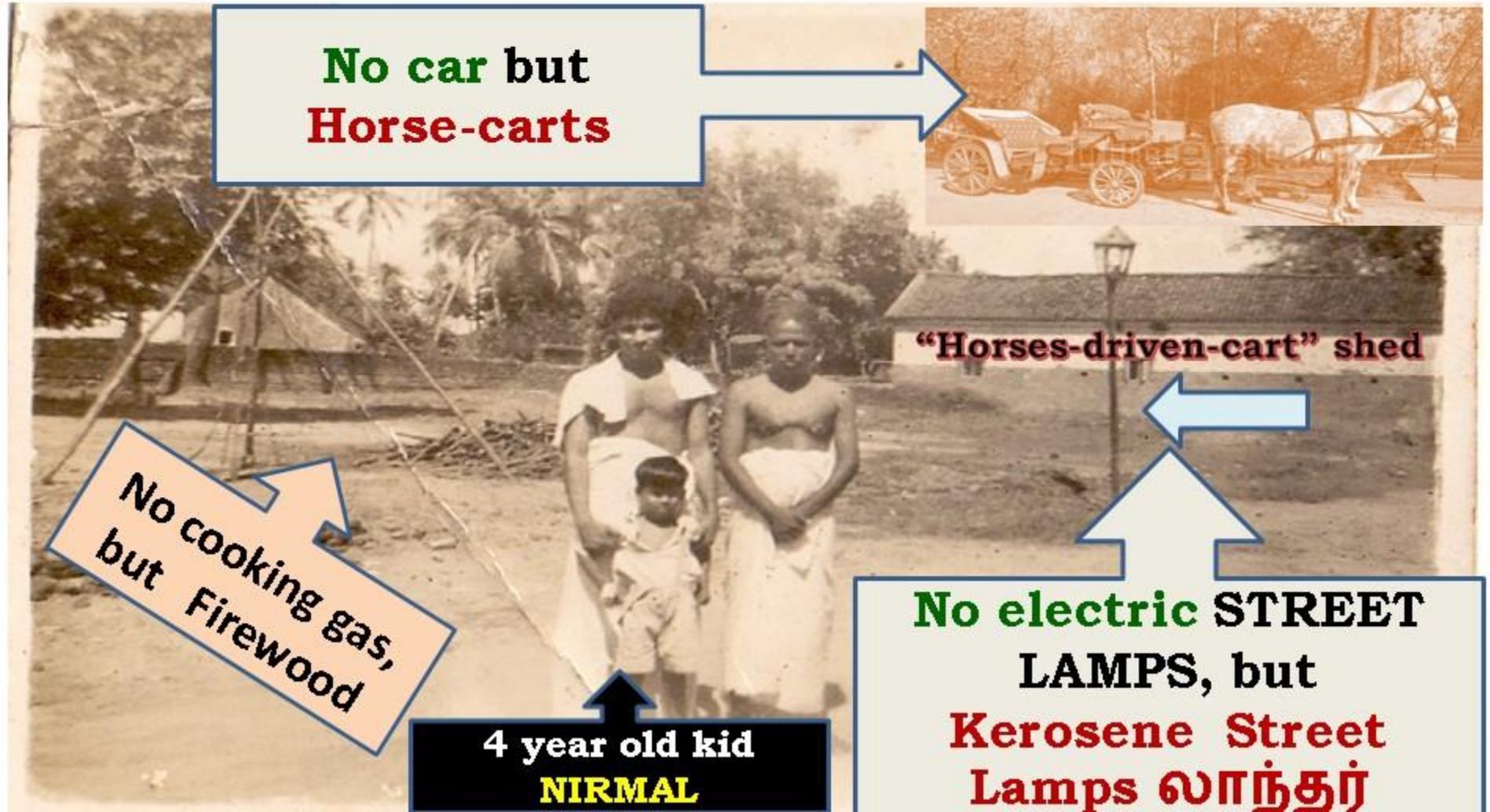
5 years old Nirmal with uncle and grandfather. Open yard in front of their palatial house. The picture shows the olden life. Street Kerosene Lamp instead of electric lights, fire wood instead of cooking gas and horses driven cart instead of Car



From Dark to Brightness

➔When he was born there was no electricity in his home.

➔But he became responsible thousands of villagers & Hut dwellers get electricity to their home.

➔Later he got them SOLAR lights

"ONE HUT -ONE LIGHT" In his own words

➔**Government did have a scheme which must have been waiting for an initiator.**

➔**I took it on my shoulder and went and met the MLA & the minister and worked for the quick implementation of the scheme , "ONE HUT -ONE LIGHT" in Sogandi village, first time such a thing happening throughout the world**

➔**It was an amazing evening in 1978. the Minister and others came & pressed an electric switch kept on the dais and about 1000 huts of people belonging to most backward & scheduled castes got lights in their respective homes, the cheer and outburst of happiness still lingers in my ears.**

➔**You will agree that could be the best service one can do** - வீட்டில் விளக்கு ஏற்றி வைத்தல் .

➔**I am working hard to improve my own record in Sogandi and I must concede that I am not successful so far.**

Athirasam Athirshtam அதிரசம் அதிர்ஷ்டம்

➔**The bank promoted me and sent me to Hong Kong as Manger as a reward for my contribution to the village. More than 300 villagers came to the Airport to see me off.**

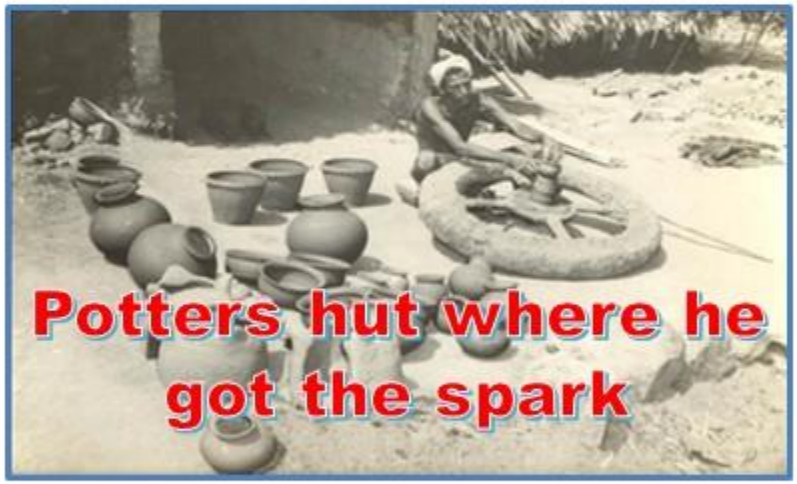
➔**They were competing to present eatables including Athirasam (traditional sweet made of JAGGERY) in a TIFFIN CARRIER (which I took it as a Cabin Baggage .Everyone looked at me strangely).**

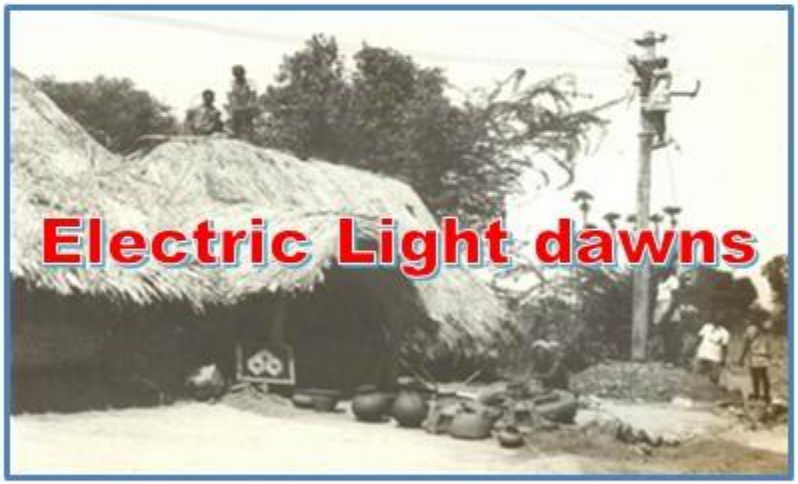
➔**First 7 days I stayed in a Chinese Hotel and the delicacies were many things including snakes & turtles.**

➔**I am a staunch vegetarian and don't eat food containing even egg .**

➔**I survived with athirasam and tears trickled down my cheeks thinking of the affection of the villagers.**

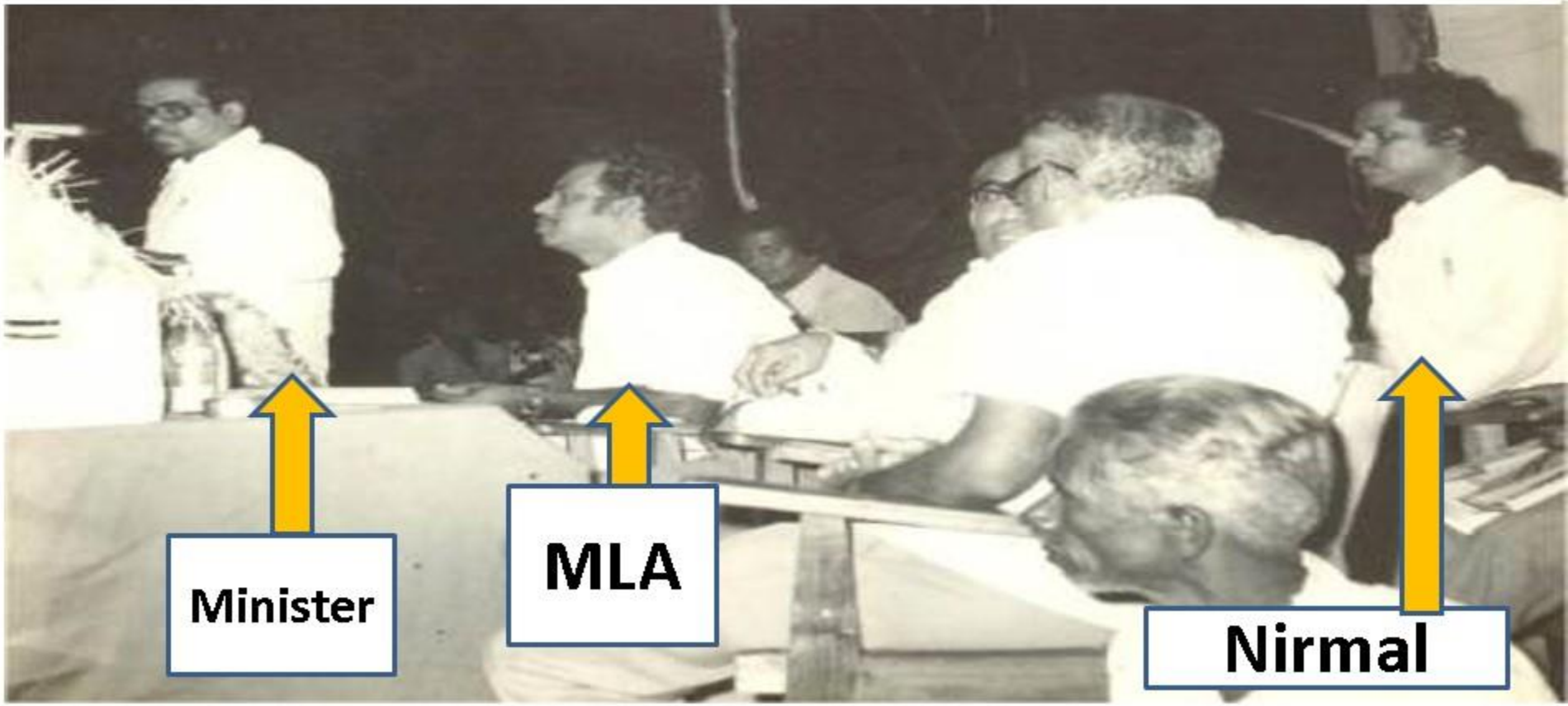
Nirmal, as Manager of IOB **Chengalpattu** saw a eight years old girl, daughter a potter studying under the street light . He immediately, in his capacity as Bank Manager, adopted that village. He introduced for the first time in India "**One Hut One Light**" scheme in Sogandi village in 1978





The GIRL was a spark to Nirmal to introduce LIGHT to hut dwellers

"One Hut One Light" scheme was introduced for the first time, in India in the Sogandi village in 1978 by IOB Chengalpattu for which Nirmal was the manager. Hon'le Minister Panruti Ramachandran is seen inaugurating , with Nirmal seated in the back.



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A hut in Sogandi village in Tirukalikundram block being given power connection.

Electricity to huts inaugurated

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CHENGALPATTU, Aug. 23

The State Government's scheme to provide electric connections to huts in village panchayats was inaugurated on Wednesday at the Sogandi village in Tirukalikundram block, which has been adopted by the Indian Overseas Bank Chengalpattu.

Electricity Minister S. Ramachandran, who inaugurated the scheme, said that under the "flat rate electric service", the beneficiary had to remit only Rs. 2.50 a month towards consumption charges. The only criterion for eligibility is that the hut should be of mud and thatch, with 200 sq. ft. of floor space.

Mr. Anoor Jagadeesan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Co-operation Minister, presiding, requested the people to use electricity sparingly.

Mr. A. Namasivayam, Assistant General Manager of the IOB, in his welcome speech, praised the State Electricity Board for the novel scheme.

Bank manager M. B. Nirmal proposed a vote of thanks.

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Scheme for Cheap Power to Huts

MADRAS, Aug. 24.

The scheme of supplying electricity to hut-dwellers at a flat rate was inaugurated by the Electricity Minister, Mr. S. Ramachandran, at Sogandi village in Chingleput district on Wednesday. Under the scheme, every hut will be provided with one electric point and the beneficiary has to pay Rs. 2.50 per month towards consumption charges.

Mr. Anoor Jagadeesan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Co-operation, who presided, said the scheme was intended to benefit the weaker sections, who could not afford the amenity if they were to pay at the usual rates. He appealed to them not to waste power. Mr. Ramankutty, Superintending Engineer, Electricity Board, explained the salient features of the scheme.

On behalf of the Indian Overseas Bank, Chingleput branch, which has adopted the village for development, Mr. A. Namasivayam, Assistant General Manager, said assistance would be given for metered services also. Mr. M. B. Nirmal, Branch Manager of the Bank, said the IOB had undertaken the responsibility of collecting the monthly consumption charge of Rs. 2.50 and remitting it to the Power Board.

Our Chingleput correspondent reports:

Mr. S. Ramachandran in his speech praised the IOB for its efforts in starting a women's welfare association and an elementary school for which the Tirukalikundram Panchayat Union had sanctioned Rs. 35,000.

The IOB staff will present a TV set to the village and provide finance for a playground for children.

23rd August 1979, the most important day in the Indian History . Mr A Namasivayam . IOB Regional Manager is being received by IOB Chengalpattu Branch for the launch of Hut Electrification programme under "One Hut One LIGHT" programme

People live in thatch in slums find their hut dark in the day time. Either they should have electricity and if they have , they have to pay electricity bill . Can you believe that an old pet bottle that we discard can be as powerful as a Hundred Watt Bulb. Instead you can call as a LITER of LIGHT . Fill the BOTTLE with water , close it tight and fix on the thatch roof with 1/4th visible outside & 3/4th inside. Then they have light in the day time free of cost.

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Solar Lights to Hut Dwellers being inaugurated by Union Minister Mr Farook Abdulla & M B Nirmal with the support of SOLKAR

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