

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding the construction of new dam in Mullaperiyar.

SHRI ANTO ANTONY (PATHANAMTHITTA): Sir, through you, I would like to bring the attention of this august House to the 11th Report of the United Nations University-Institute for Water, Environment and Health titled 'Ageing Water Storage Infrastructure: An Emerging Global Risk' stating certain safety concerns of the Mullaperiyar dam.

The collapse of this dam will affect the lives and properties of 50 lakh people residing in its downstream. Sir, through you, we request the Government of India to construct a new dam in Mullaperiyar urgently to protect the lives and properties of 50 lakh people in the State of Kerala.

Yesterday night, without notice, the shutters of the dam were suddenly opened and water rushed into hundreds of houses. The families residing on the banks of Periyar river are in real fear. That is why, we need your intervention in this matter.