

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Request to build a new dam in place of old Mullaperiyar dam to save lives of lakhs of people.

ADV. A.M. ARIFF (ALAPPUZHA): Sir, due to unannounced release of water from Mullaperiyar Dam, the previous day, houses were flooded and people had to leave their homes without any planning. Residents living downstream of the Dam, facing sleepless nights for over a week due to the release of water from Mullaperiyar, are tired of living like this in constant fear. The residents said that their children are unable to go to school and, at night, they do not know what to do when water suddenly enters their homes without any warning.

The only permanent solution to the eternal threat to the safety concerns of 126-year old existing Mullaperiyar dam, and to protect the safety of lakhs of people living in the downstream of the dam, is to build a new dam in the downstream reaches of the existing dam. ... (*Interruptions*)

The ageing dam is situated in the seismic zone III, and various studies say that this dam is in danger. So, I would request the Central Government to take an initiative for the construction of a new dam in Mullaperiyar to save the lives of lakhs of people... (*Interruptions*)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : माननीय सदस्य आप क्या बोल रहे हैं?

... (व्यवधान)

SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND (VELLORE): Sir, the Supreme Court has given a verdict... (*Interruptions*) The dam is safe... (*Interruptions*)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : आप अकेले माननीय सदस्य हैं ।

... (व्यवधान)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : आप सब माननीय सदस्य हैं ।

... (व्यवधान)

SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND : Sir, we are ready to give any quantity of water... (*Interruptions*)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : अब विषय खत्म हो चुका है । श्रीमती शताब्दी राय (बनर्जी) ।

... (व्यवधान)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : मैंने आपको मौका दे दिया है और आपको भी मौका दे दिया है । आप दोनों बैठ जाइये ।

... (व्यवधान)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : श्रीमती शताब्दी राय (बनर्जी) ।

... (व्यवधान)