

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding concern over safety of Mullaperiyar dam and Minimum Support Price of Cardamom in Idukki, Tamil Nadu.

**ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE (IDUKKI):** Sir, yesterday I raised the Mullaperiyar dam shutter management issue. I did not want to repeat that subject again but yesterday night about 12,000 cusecs of water has been released by the Government Tamil Nadu in the downstream. I seek the intervention of the hon. Prime Minister to get this issue resolved and ask the Tamil Nadu Government to stop this inhuman activity of releasing this much huge quantity of water. That is my Adjournment Motion notice for today as well.

Sir, my today's 'Zero Hour' submission is with regard to Minimum Support Price for cardamom. Out of the total production of cardamom in India, about 60 per cent is produced in my district. At present, the cardamom farmers are in a critical situation. Due to COVID-19 pandemic all over the country and the implementation of farm laws, anybody can trade it online from anywhere, without any control of the Spices Board. That is the main issue. ....(Interruptions)

Therefore, we request the Government to first include this commercial crop in the CACP list and then announce an MSP of Rs.2000 per kilogram for cardamom. Thank you, Sir.

**माननीय अध्यक्ष :** डॉ. राजदीप राय ।

**डॉ. राजदीप राय (सिल्वर):** महोदय, मेरी मातृभाषा बंगला में मुझे बात रखने के लिए आपने अनुमति दी है, इसलिए मैं आपका आभार व्यक्त करता हूँ ।

**माननीय अध्यक्ष : क्या आपने नोटिस दे दिया था?**