

**Do Letter from Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Water Resources Minister
Mr.Duraimurugan to Hon'ble Kerala Water Resources
Minister Regarding Mullai Periyar Dam - Details**

Vanakkam,

You may be aware that the Mullai Periyar Dam is vital for the farmers of Tamil Nadu living in five drought prone districts, viz., Madurai, Dindigul, Theni, Sivagangai and Ramanathapuram, to meet drinking and irrigation and for their livelihood. Therefore, the farmers of these Districts are very sensitive to the availability of water from Mullai Periyar Dam. Government of Tamil Nadu is taking utmost care in maintaining the Mullai Periyar Dam well considering the safety and security of the people of our both States.

I wish to bring to your notice that the Water Resources Department and the Forest Department of Kerala are delaying to permit to convey the materials and machinery to the dam site for carrying out routine maintenance works and repair works, which have to be done as per the guidelines of Central Water Commission, as well as in compliance with the Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 27.02.2006 and 07.05.2014.

I take this opportunity to request you to use your good office to revoke the Order of Government of Kerala, G.O.(Ms) No.23/2021/Forest &WildLife (C)Department, dated 11.11.2021 at the earliest and restore the permission issued for felling of 15 trees, since felling of these trees is essential for carrying out the balance strengthening works as per the Order of the Supreme Court.

You may recall that your Government has persistently requested to install Seismograph and Accelerograph in the dam site, which was also recommended by Central Water Commission. We have taken action based on the above recommendation to install them through National Geo-physical Research Institute, Hyderabad and the instruments are ready to be installed. However, my officers have informed that Forest Department of Kerala is not permitting to convey materials for erecting necessary platform/ pillars for installing the seismograph.

I, therefore, request your personal intervention on the above matters and to instruct the officers concerned to allow materials to be conveyed through forest road, Vallakkadavu dam site and to repair the existing forest road and to cut the 15 trees, which is pending for a long period.

I request your kind positive and urgent response on the above issues so that we will be able to comply with the Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court as early as possible.

Issued By: - DIPR, Secretariat, Chennai - 9.