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**HON'BLE MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES**

**THIRU DURAIMURUGAN STATEMENT REGARDING**

**MULLAI PERIYAR DAM**

- As per the Standard Operating Procedure before opening the Mullai Periyar Dam, advance information has to be given to the officers of the State of Kerala. Accordingly, an intimation was given on 27.10.2021 at 6.00 p.m. to the State of Kerala and others stating that the water level in the dam was increasing, the spillway gates would be opened on 29.10.2021 morning. Accordingly, the spillway gates were opened on 29.10.2021 at 7.29 a.m. by the officers of WRD, Tamil Nadu. At that time, the Minister and officers of Kerala were also present. Thus, the decision to open the gates were made by WRD, TN, and opened by the officers of Tamil Nadu, who are regulating the dam.
- The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Order dated 28.10.2021 in the Writ Petition filed by Dr.Joe Joseph of Kerala that,

*To assuage apprehension of the Parties will place on record for the time being the Parties will abide by the water level notified by the Expert Committee (which is the Rule Level approved by the CWC).*

*Needless to observe that it will be open to the Committee to review its decision from time to time including on hour-to-hour basis, if the situation so warrants.*

- As per the Rule Curve approved by CWC, the water levels to be maintained in the dam are, on 10.10.2021 at 138.50 ft., on 20.10.2021 at 137.75 ft. and on 31.10.2021 at 138.00 ft.

- From 27-10-2021 AN the water level was raising and on 28.10.2021 morning the water level was 138.05 ft, and on 29-10-2021 the water level was 138.75 ft while the permitted Rule level for the corresponding period was 138.00 ft.. This increase was after drawing maximum water to Vaigai through the Tunnel. Thus, the excess water had to be released through the spillway after giving due advance intimation. Accordingly, the water was released through the spillway.
- Therefore, in order to follow the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, dtd 28-10-2021 the water above the Rule level has to be necessarily released. The water can reach 142 ft. level on 30.11.2021.

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