

**PRESS STATEMENT OF SELVI JAYALALITHAA,**  
**HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU**

The issue of Mullai Periyar Dam is pending before the Supreme Court. My Government believes that the solution to this problem lies in presenting sound technical and scientific data to the Supreme Court and in convincing the Supreme Court about the justness of our stand. As a result, I have been appealing to the people of Tamil Nadu to eschew emotions and to be rational at all times. I am one with you and share the same emotions and strongly believe in peace and prosperity for my people and the Country.

It is my sincere appeal to all my beloved people of Tamil Nadu not to get carried away emotionally. Let us show to the world that we do not believe in violence and hatred.

Even if there are only a few individuals who are in trouble or anybody in the State who has problems, my Government and I are the first to respond. With regard to the present issue, neither my people nor I and my Government have got anything against the people of Kerala or their Government. We have no quarrel with the people of Kerala. Therefore, destroying their properties or causing injury to them and in the process also causing ourselves pain and hardship is not a solution.

I appeal to all of you to allow your Government to handle the issue scientifically and logically. It is my earnest appeal to all the agitating people of the border areas not to precipitate the situation and to disperse immediately.

To express the solidarity of the people of Tamil Nadu and all the political parties, a Special Assembly Session will be convened on 15.12.2011 at 11.00 A.M. to pass a resolution that this State will not give up our rights over Mullai Periyar because of the imaginary threat to the safety and security of the Mullai Periyar Dam.

**J JAYALALITHAA**  
Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

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