

PRESS RELEASE

Text of the D.O. letter dated 17.3.2012 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Dr. Manmohan Singh**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India is reproduced below:-

"I am writing this letter in continuation of my letter dated 29.7.2011 regarding the legislation on Dam Safety.

I had mentioned in unequivocal terms, the objection of my Government to sub-clauses 26(1), (2), (3) and (4) and clause 13 of the draft Dam Safety Bill, 2010, which would be detrimental to the interests of Tamil Nadu. I am told that the Standing Committee on Water Resources and the Ministry of Water Resources have not considered the objection of my Government to sub-clauses 26(1), (2), (3) and (4) and clause 13 of the draft Dam Safety Bill, 2010. My Government's apprehensions are genuine and if they are not addressed, it would be tantamount to taking away the control over the maintenance of the dam from the State which owns the dam, consequently affecting hundreds of farmers and agricultural production.

In the circumstances, I once again request you to kindly order the Ministry of Water Resources to delete the objectionable clauses pointed out by the Government of Tamil Nadu from the draft bill, so that the interests of Tamil Nadu are fully protected.

I shall be thankful for your immediate response in this matter."

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