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From

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To

The Secretary,  
Ministry of Water Resources,  
Government of India,  
Shram shakthi Bhawan, Rafi Marg,  
New Delhi-110 001.

Sir,

Sub: Mullai Periyar Dam -Report on the alleged seepage occurred in  
the Dam - Sent.

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According to recent media reports, the Government of Kerala has alleged seepages in the Mullai Periyar Dam. The Government of Tamil Nadu deputed a team of Chief Engineers and Engineers of the Dam Safety Directorate on 17.11.2009 and 20.11.2009 to inspect the dam and assess the ground realities. The Team has extensively inspected the Dam, the galleries, downstream of the Dam, the spillways etc.

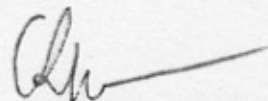
2. The team has reported to this Government that the seepage was 58.46 litres per minute when the water level in the Dam was 135.10 feet. This quantity of seepage is well below the permissible limits of seepage. The team has also found that the bitumen provided in the construction joints in the Blocks 17 and 18 has slightly come out due to weathering over the years. This will be repaired under regular maintenance and there will not be any

wetting / dampness in the Dam thereafter. Moreover, this dampness has occurred only due to the recent local rains.

3. The team has concluded that the main dam, the baby dam and the surplus arrangements in the Mullai Periyar Dam are all functioning well. To sum up, the Mullai Periyar Dam is stable and in safe condition, according to this team of senior engineers of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

4. The above facts are brought to the attention of the Government of India, in view of the seepage alleged by Government of Kerala, as seen from media reports.

Yours faithfully,



Principal Secretary to Government.

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