

**PRESS RELEASE**

Text of the D.O. letter dated 27.3.2013 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Dr. Manmohan Singh**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India is reproduced below:

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"I am writing this letter to you in continuation of my D.O. letter dated 19.5.2012 seeking your intervention in advising the Government of Karnataka to stop forthwith the execution of any Check Dams or diversion structures etc., across the Inter-State river Pennaiyar.

The media had widely reported that the Government of Karnataka has constructed a diversion structure at Mugalur in Karnataka limits for diversion of water through a canal to feed Lakkur tank for irrigation. This act of Karnataka will affect the flows in the river considerably and will severely affect the irrigation in Tamil Nadu depending upon the waters of the Inter-State river Pennaiyar.

Under the circumstances, I once again seek your kind intervention in the matter and request you to advise the Government of Karnataka to stop any construction activity across the river Pennaiyar immediately and not to venture upon any schemes in the Pennaiyar river without the prior consent of Tamil Nadu.

I look forward to your immediate positive response in this matter."

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