

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Issue regarding safety of Mullaperiyar dam in Kerala.

**ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE (IDUKKI):** Sir, the 126-year-old Mullaperiyar dam is in a dangerous position. The unfortunate heavy rainfall is still continuing due to the climate change. If anything happens to that dam, it will be an international disaster and lakhs and lakhs of people will be the victims. The Government should intervene in this matter. Nobody is taking care of or concerned about the safety of Kerala people including our State Government. Our State Government is playing a faulty game. They have agreed once with the Tamil Nadu Government for strengthening the baby dam but that was not the issue. The issue is with the main dam. All the competent reports including the reports of the United Nations, IIT, Roorkee, IIT Delhi indicate the unsafety of the Mullaperiyar dam. It is constructionally, hydrologically and seismologically unsafe. It should be de-commissioned immediately. We are ready to provide enough water to Tamil Nadu.