

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:261  
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NEW DAM AT MULLAPERIYAR  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Kerala for setting up of a new dam at Mullaperiyar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the response of the Union Government thereto; and
- (d) the funds granted for maintenance of the existing dam and construction of new dams at the site during the last three years and the current year, year-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) to (c) No proposal in this regard has been received in the Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR) so far. However, in the meeting taken by Secretary (WR) on 31.7.2009, the representative of the Government of Kerala mentioned that they have started survey and investigation works for a new dam at an alternative site down stream of existing dam. The Government of Tamil Nadu vide letter dated 14.9.2009 informed that there is no need for construction of a new dam by Kerala Government. Further, the matter is before the constitutional bench of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and is subjudice.

(d) The construction and maintenance of the dams comes under the purview of the concerned State Governments/Project authorities and they provide the funds for such work from their own resources. Further, no proposal for providing funds in this regard has been received in the MoWR.