GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1177 ANSWERED ON:28.07.2015 Study on Dam Mohammed Shri Faizal P.P.

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has given permission for conducting environment impact study for a new dam in Mullaperiyar and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any decision has been taken by the expert appraisal committee for the same and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)to (c) The Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) in the Ministry recommended a proposal for conducting environment impact assessment (EIA) study in 10 km radius area of the proposed project site of new Mullaperiyar dam in August, 2014. However, Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in the Ministry in June, 2015 while considering the proposal of Government of Kerala for grant of Terms of Reference (TOR) to conduct EIA for construction of dam deferred consideration in view of directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court which inter alia has restrained the construction of any new dam without agreement of State Governments of Kerala and Tamil Nadu
