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Title: Regarding disturbed situation prevailing in and around Idukki district in Kerala.

*SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI (ERODE): In Tamil Nadu, in the areas bordering Kerala especially in places like Theni and Cumbum cutting across party lines and also language and religious barriers all the people both men and women are greatly agitated for the past two weeks and more and are pressing for protect the rights of Tamil Nadu in sharing river water there and to protect the Tamils who are being attacked in areas like Devikulam and Peermedu in Kerala.

The road transport between two States in these areas have been virtually stopped. This has affected the movement of lakhs of Ayyappa devotees who have taken 'Irumudi' and are to visit Sabarimala as pilgrims. In Kerala even Sabarimala pilgrims have been attacked and their vehicles have not been spared.

* English translation of the speech originally delivered in Tamil

They have been running back to Tamil Nadu leaving even their vehicles. Even the police force there are mute spectators without giving protection to Tamils. Even the vehicles going from Coimbatore, Pollachi and Udumalpet are attacked in Kerala. So even in these routes transportation has been stopped. All the 13 entry points to Kerala may also face total stoppage of vehicles.

When we got Independence, linguistic states were created and places like Devikulam and Peermedu in Idukki district which had 92 % of Tamils was given away to Kerala. Even at that point of time, the demand for not including these two towns with Kerala was ignored by K.M. Panicker who headed the States Re-organisation Commission. When Pattathanupillai was Chief Minister of Kerala, people in the prisons of Kerala who were released on condonation were settled in the areas like Devikulam and Peermedu with five acres of land and five thousand rupees through cooperative loans. Even after, settling people like that to change the demographic pattern the Tamil population is still 57% or more. Now, it is reported that they are all being threatened to go back to Tamil Nadu. Even the Government schemes are denied to them. The Tamils who have escaped from the attacks are reporting to media these happenings.

The mis-judged merger of these 97% Tamil speaking areas with Kerala is the route cause of the present tension prevailing in the border areas. In order to put and end to these problems once and for all Idukki district may be merged with Tamil Nadu. I urge upon the Union Government to look into this. *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nothing will go on record.

*(Interruptions) * * **

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Satpal Maharaj, this is a State subject. Therefore, you tell what you want from the Centre.