Title : Situation arising out of overflowing of Mullaperiyar Dam.

SHRI P.T. THOMAS (IDUKKI): In my constituency, Idukki, Kerala, there is a dam, which was constructed 140 years back, that is, the Mullaperiyar Dam. The Mullaperiyar dam has been posing a potential danger due to the heavy rainfall in recent days. For the last three days, the dam has been overflowing. Today, the water level in Mullaperiyar dam is above 135 feet, and it is seen that there are three major leakages that appear in 18 bank column of the dam. The situation is very alarming.

The dam at present is in a very dangerous condition. More than 50 lakhs of people of three districts of Kerala are facing a dangerous situation. With all respect, I am wholeheartedly appealing to my learned friends from Tamil Nadu who are representing their State in this august House to do something. Otherwise, if they are not giving permission, I will have to say that Kerala will become a graveyard of victims of Mullaperiyar within no time. It is a very dangerous situation. I am requesting for immediate intervention of the Hon. Prime Minister to sort out the Mullaperiyar issue. The purpose is to convene a high level meeting. We are not opposing to give water to Tamil Nadu. $\hat{a} \in !$. *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : No interference. Shri Thomas, please conclude.

SHRI P.T. THOMAS: We are ready to give water to Tamil Nadu. We are not against Tamil Nadu…. (Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have made your point. Please take your seat.

SHRI P.T. THOMAS: People of Kerala in the districts of Idukki, Kottayam and Ernakulam are facing a dangerous situation…. (Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Thomas, please take your seat. Thank you.

The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow the 25th November 2009 at 11 a.m.

18.26 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on Wednesday, November 25, 2009 / Agrahayana 4, 1931 (Saka).

* Not recorded

* English translation of the speech originally delivered in Bengali.