

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Request the Speaker to withdraw the suspension order of the AIADMK and TDP MP's and issue regarding the construction of Mekedatu dam.

DR. M. THAMBIDURAI (KARUR): On Friday, I raised an issue regarding the suspension of AIADMK and TDP MPs. I know that you have every right to take action. I am not denying that, but at the same time, the issues are very important. The issue is, especially the Cauvery issue; construction of Mekedatu dam. The Central Government has given the power to the Karnataka Government for DPR, but the Supreme Court has said, "you cannot construct any dam without consultation." How can the Central Government give the permission to the Karnataka Government? That is the issue. It is the Supreme Court decision. Therefore, our Members agitated and raised this issue.

Let the Government come forward with an assurance for the withdrawal of DPR or instruction, otherwise, Tamil Nadu will suffer a lot.

You know very well Madam, last year, there was a lot of scarcity. ...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: One minute. Let him complete.

... (*Interruptions*)

DR. M. THAMBIDURAI : We had problem of drinking water....(*Interruptions*). We requested three TMC water from Karnataka. ...(*Interruptions*) They kept 30 TMC water in the river, Krishna Raja Sagara. ...(*Interruptions*) They refused to give. Now, what is the necessity of the construction of the dam? That is why they were agitating, not with any other intention.

We want to respect you. ...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: I can understand.

DR. M. THAMBIDURAI : I am only requesting you to respect the feelings of the Tamil Nadu people and also to withdraw their suspension order and ask the Members to come. This is the issue that they raised, not any other thing.

HON. SPEAKER: I can understand but there are ways to discuss. This is not the way to come in the Well.

DR. M. THAMBIDURAI : I can understand. But they have raised the issue for this purpose. Tomorrow is the last day also....(*Interruptions*)

Therefore, you can reconsider this. You can also ask the Telegu Desam and AIADMK MPs to come to the House. That is what I am requesting. ...(*Interruptions*)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : मैं सबको बोलने का मौका दे रही हूँ। धर्मेन्द्र जी, नीचे बैठ जाइए। मैं आपको भी बोलने का मौका दे रही हूँ, नीचे तो बैठो। अच्छा सब आपका ही ऑवर चलेगा। प्लीज़ बैठिए। I have already taken the name of Khargeji.

... (*Interruptions*)