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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Pinarayi Vijayan
chief minister

## D.O. No. ISWC1/16360/2014/WRD/CM, Dated 24.10.2021

## Dear Shri. Stalin ji,

Greetings from the Government of Kerala.
I am very hopeful that the historic ties between our States and the cordial relationship between our people will be further strengthened under your leadership.

1 am writing this to bring to your notice the recent floods that ravaged the State of Kerala from 16.10.2021 causing heavy floods and damage to the life and property of people across our State. Many parts of the State experienced severe landslides and heavy flooding resulting in many deaths in the districts of Kottayam and Idukki.

In view of the heavy rainfall in the catchment area of Mullaperiyar Dam when the water level was at 133.45 ft on 18.10 .2021 , the Chief Secretary to Government of Kerala and the Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resource Department had addressed their respective counterparts of your State to ensure the safety \& security of the people living in the downstream of Mullaperiyar Dam.

On 19.10.2021, when the Idukki reservoir had reached the FRL, 3 shutters of the Cheruthoni dam of the Idukki reservoir were opened, after the water level had crossed the red alert level. Prior to the opening of the Cheruthoni Dam, water from the Idamalayar dam was also rnleased at 6.00 am on 19.10.2021.

The current inflow to Mulla Periyar dam is $2109 \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{s}$ and the discharge level is $1750 \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{s}$ as on 20.10 .2021 at 4.00 PM . At present there is a net inflow
of around 2109 cusecs accumulatiris in the reservoir aven after the diversion from Tamil Nadu side. With the current inflow it is feared that the reservoir level may reach 142 ft once the torrential rain intensifies. Hence, there would arise an urgent need for the gradual release of water from Mulla Periyar Dam through the tunnel to Tamil Nadu.

I urge your timely intervention in the matter and request you to give immediate directions to the authorities concerned in the State to ensure that maximum quantity of water is drawn from Mulla Periyar Dam through the tunnel to Vaigai Dam and to gradually release the water downstream. I also request that arrangements may be made to intimate Government of Kerala about the opening the shutters at least 24 hours in advance to help us to take precautionary measures for ensuring the safety of the people living downstream of the dam.

I request your kind and positive response for ensuring the safety to lives of our people.

With regards,
Yours sincerely,


Shri. M.K. Stalin<br>Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Secretariat, Chennai 600009.

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## D. 0 LETTER NO.3167/CMO/2021, DATED: 27-10-2021

## Dear Thiru Pinarayi Vijayan Avargal,

## Vanakkam.

I greatly appreciate and wish to reciprocate the sentiments expressed by you in your letter dated 24.10.2021, that the historic ties and cordial relationship between the people of our states need to be strengthened further.

The Government of Tamil Nadu and our people are very concerned about the floods and the resultant damages suffered by Kerala and its people in the last 10 days. I wish to assure you that we will stand with you during these difficult times and would extend any help that is needed for alleviating the sufferings of the people. In this regard, I have already instructed the Collectors of the border districts of our state to extend all help and ensure the supply of all items needed for flood relief.

With reference to Mullai Periyar Dam, we are monitoring the water level closely and the officials from our side are in constant touch with your team. The water level as on today (27.10.2021) at 9.00 am is 137.60 feet, with an inflow of 2300 cusecs. We are already drawing the maximum quantity of water through the tunnel in Vaigai dam, as requested in your letter. Currently 2300 cusecs of water is being drawn through the tunnel to Vaigai basin since 8.00 am today (27.10.2021). The current water level is well within the storage level permitted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgement and is also compliant with the upper rule levels approved by the CWC.

I have discussed the above position with the concerned officials and have directed them to continue to closely monitor the water levels and regulate the outflow accordingly. In addition, I have specifically asked them to share in advance, all the necessary information on water position and release, if any, so that your government can initiate such precautionary measures needed before the release of water.

I once again wish to assure you that my government will ensure that the interests of both states and our people are well safeguarded.

## With Regards,

Yours sincerely,

(M.K. STALIN)

To,

## Thiru. Pinarayi Vijayan,

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala,
Tiruvananthapuram.


