

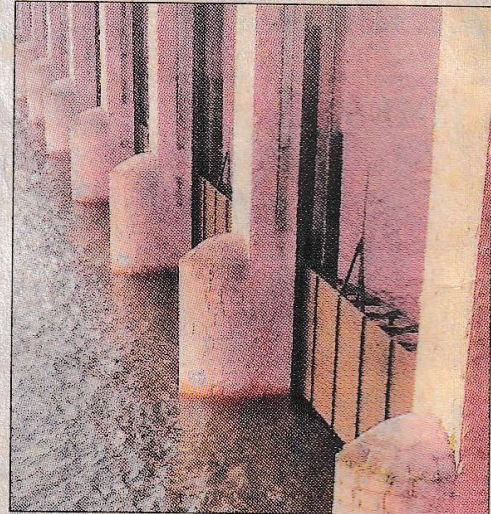
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**Kottayam, Mullaperiyar Dam,**  
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**Kottayam:** C P Roy, former chairman of the Mullaperiyar Agitation Council, has alleged that the state government is deliberately trying to evade addressing the threat from Mullaperiyar dam by highlighting the release of water from Idukki dam.

Addressing a press conference here on Tuesday, Roy said that the state government and the people's representatives from Idukki are behind this. The real issue facing Kerala is not the raising of the shutters of Idukki dam, which has been constructed in the modern times. The state should try all available options to prevent the water level in Mullaperiyar dam rising to 142 feet. The dam is getting filled very fast, he said.



Roy also recommended that an all-party delegation should meet the Prime Minister to apprise him of the situation. Since all the dams in the Idukki district are getting filled to their total capacity together, there are possibilities of tremors. In such a situation, the state government should intervene to keep the water level below 136 feet. He also demanded the re-examination of the agreement of the dam which was renewed by former chief minister C Achutha Menon. He also said that if there are options other than a new dam, they should be considered.

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