Mullaperiyar is safe, EPS tells Pinarayi

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Responding to concerns raised by Kerala Chief Minister Pinnarayi Vijayan on the storage in the Mullaperiyar dam, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami on Thursday conveyed that the dam “is safe” in all respects — hydrologically, seismically and structurally — as per the Supreme Court order in May 2014.

“During the past, the dam was inspected by many experts and they had also found that the dam is safe in all aspects,” Mr. Palaniswami said in a letter to his Kerala counterpart.

Even during its last inspection on August 4 this year, the Supreme Court-appointed Supervisory Committee said the dam “is safe to store water up to 142 ft” and hence “there is no threat to the safety” of the dam and water is being stored at the permitted level of 142 ft as per the orders of the Supreme Court, he said.