

## Publish report on Kerala map smugglers: Congress

Thiruvananthapuram - The Congress has urged that an intelligence report on the Centre for Earth Science Studies' missing maps - allegedly smuggled out by three Communist Party of India-Marxist leaders - be made public.

'This news first appeared in a national daily last week and following this we made our own inquiries. We have found out that the CPI-M leaders who are involved include a sitting legislator, a candidate of the party in the assembly polls and a top leader,' Congress spokesperson M.M. Hassan told reporters here Sunday.

'We, the Congress party, demand that the investigation agency should immediately come out with the report and begin prosecution,' he said.

He said central intelligence agencies, who probed into the case of the missing maps at the Centre for Earth Science Studies (CESS) for the past year, had their report ready.

'The Kerala maps - highly sensitive documents - that were with the CESS had been given out to a Dutch agency during the E.K. Nayanar government's time in 1996. In order to make things smooth, a Leftist sympathiser was appointed as the director of the CESS,' claimed Hassan.

He also said that during the same period at the Venganoor village council, the then Left Democratic Front (LDF) government allowed a foreign agency to conduct a social survey without the central government's permission.

'We are not raising this issue just because elections are around the corner. After the news report surfaced, we found that this is an issue of the security and safety of the state and the country,' added Hassan.

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