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- **In Mettur, Tamil Nadu**, subsidiary MALCO mined illegally, poisoned residents, and polluted the Stanley reservoir with toxic red mud.
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