

CWMA Upholds Order Directing Karnataka to Release Cauvery Water to Tamil Nadu

The Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) upheld the CWRC directive ordering Karnataka to release 3,500 cusecs of water daily to Tamil Nadu.

Inter-state river water sharing directive issued under the Cauvery Water Management Authority framework.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Cauvery Water Management Authority** (CWMA) upheld the order of the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (**CWRC**) directing Karnataka to release water to **Tamil Nadu**.
- The CWRC had directed Karnataka to release **3,500 cusecs** of water per day for **15 days** starting **July 29, 2026**.
- **Karnataka** had filed an appeal before the **CWMA** against the CWRC directive citing drought conditions in the basin.
- The CWMA meeting took place in **New Delhi** to deliberate on Karnataka's appeal.
- The ruling mandates compliance by **Karnataka** to maintain water flow to **Tamil Nadu** for agricultural and drinking needs.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Article 262 of the Indian Constitution provides for the adjudication of disputes relating to waters of inter-state rivers.

The **Inter-State River Water Disputes Act** was enacted by Parliament in **1956** under Article 262.

The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (**CWDT**) was constituted on **June 2, 1990**.

The **Supreme Court** delivered its landmark final judgment on the Cauvery water dispute on **February 16, 2018**.

The Cauvery Water Management Authority (**CWMA**) and CWRC were formally notified in **June 2018**.

River Cauvery originates at **Talakaveri** in the **Brahmagiri Range** of Kodagu district, Karnataka.

The Cauvery basin covers **Tamil Nadu**, Karnataka, Kerala, and the Union Territory of **Puducherry**.

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Article 262 governs inter-state river disputes; CWMA & CWRC were constituted in 2018 following Supreme Court's Cauvery verdict.

Syllabus Relevance: Crucial for Group 1 & 2 exams under Inter-state River Water Disputes (Article 262) and TN Geography.

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