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CWMA Upholds Water Release to Tamil Nadu

The Cauvery Water Management Authority upheld the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee's directive for Karnataka to release 3,000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu.

The Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) is a body established to implement the final award of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and subsequent Supreme Court orders.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA)** upheld the **Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC)** direction on **October 8, 2026**.
- **Karnataka** is directed to release **3,000 cusecs** of water daily to **Tamil Nadu**.
- This water release is mandated for a period of **15 days**.
- **Karnataka** cited a **54% deficit** in cumulative inflows to its **four Cauvery basin reservoirs**.
- The state also highlighted severe **drought conditions** and the need to prioritize **drinking water** requirements.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The **Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT)** was constituted in **1990**.

The **CWDT** delivered its interim award in **1991** and its final award in **2007**.

The **Supreme Court** delivered its verdict on the **Cauvery dispute** in **2018**.

The **Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA)** was constituted by the **Central Government** in **2018**, following Supreme Court orders.

The **Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC)** was also constituted in **2018** under the **CWMA**.

Inter-state water disputes in India fall under **Article 262** of the **Indian Constitution**.

The **River Boards Act, 1956**, and the **Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956**, govern these disputes.

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