

CWRC Orders Karnataka to Release 3,500 Cusecs Water Daily to Tamil Nadu

CWRC directed Karnataka to release 3,500 cusecs of Cauvery water per day to Tamil Nadu for 15 days.

CWRC is a statutory committee that regulates daily water releases and reservoir storage levels in the Cauvery basin.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- CWRC directed Karnataka to release **3,500 cusecs** of water daily to Tamil Nadu for **15 days**, totaling around **4 tmcft**.
- The decision was made during a meeting of the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee held in **New Delhi** on **July 28, 2026**.
- **Karnataka** Water Resources Minister stated the state would consider filing an appeal before the **Cauvery Water Management Authority**.
- Water level in the **Krishnaraja Sagar** reservoir in Karnataka stood at only **34%** of its total capacity.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Article 262 of the Indian Constitution empowers **Parliament** to enact laws for the adjudication of inter-state river water disputes.

The **Inter-State River Water Disputes Act** was passed by the Parliament in the year **1956**.

The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal was constituted in **June 1990** and gave its final award in **February 2007**.

In **February 2018**, the Supreme Court allocated **177.25 tmcft** of water annually to Tamil Nadu at **Biligundlu**.

The Cauvery Water Management Authority and Cauvery Water Regulation Committee were constituted in **June 2018**.

Cauvery river originates at **Talakaveri** in the Brahmagiri Range of Karnataka's **Kodagu** district.

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CWRC ordered Karnataka to release 3,500 cusecs daily (4 tmcft over 15 days) to Tamil Nadu.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Group 1/2/4 exams covering Article 262, Inter-State River Water Disputes Act 1956, and CWMA/CWRC functions.

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