

Cauvery Dispute: Supreme Court Agrees to Expedite Tamil Nadu's Plea

The Supreme Court agreed to Tamil Nadu's request for an urgent hearing on the implementation of Cauvery water allocation.

It is an inter-state river water dispute between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka regarding the sharing of Cauvery river waters.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Supreme Court** agreed to hear **Tamil Nadu's** application on an expedited basis regarding the **Cauvery water dispute** with Karnataka.
- Tamil Nadu argued that **Karnataka** defied the **Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal** orders except during flood surpluses.
- Water flow realized at **Biligundlu** gauge station between July 29 and August 2 ranged between **158 cusecs** and **530 cusecs**.
- The interventions were monitored through the **Cauvery Water Management Authority** (CWMA) and **Cauvery Water Regulation Committee** (CWRC).

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Article 262 of the Constitution empowers Parliament to adjudicate **inter-State river water disputes**.

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

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

In **February 2018**, Supreme Court fixed Tamil Nadu's annual water allocation from Cauvery at **177.25 TMC ft** at **Biligundlu**.

Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) was constituted in **June 2018** following the Supreme Court judgment.

River Cauvery originates at **Talakaveri** in the **Brahmagiri hills** of Western Ghats in **Kodagu district** of Karnataka.

Biligundlu serves as the inter-state water gauging station located near the border of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

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Article 262 governs inter-state water disputes; TN's SC-mandated Cauvery share is 177.25 TMC ft at Biligundlu.

Syllabus Relevance: Crucial for Group 1/2/4 polity and TN geography sections on river water disputes and Article 262.

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