

Cauvery Row: SC to Hear Tamil Nadu's Plea on Water Release

Tamil Nadu approached the Supreme Court against Karnataka's shortfall in releasing Cauvery water as directed by CWRC.

The Cauvery dispute is a long-standing inter-state river water sharing issue governed by CWMA and CWRC directives.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- **Tamil Nadu** filed a petition in the **Supreme Court** seeking directions to Karnataka for the release of Cauvery water.
- The **Cauvery Water Regulation Committee** ordered Karnataka to release **3,500 cusecs** of water to Tamil Nadu.
- Tamil Nadu submitted that **Karnataka** released only **158 to 550 cusecs** against the mandated volume.
- The deficit in water inflow severely impacts the standing **Kuruwai** and **Samba** crops in the Cauvery delta region.
- The Supreme Court scheduled an **urgent hearing** to examine Tamil Nadu's plea regarding the compliance of water release.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

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

Parliament enacted the **Inter-State River Water Disputes Act** in **1956** to resolve riparian conflicts.

The **Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal** was constituted by the Central Government in **June 1990**.

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

The Union Ministry of Water Resources notified the **Cauvery Water Management Authority** in **June 2018**.

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

Chola King **Karikalan** built the ancient dam **Kallanai** (Grand Anicut) across River Cauvery in the 2nd century CE.

Major right-bank tributaries of Cauvery include Kabini, **Bhavani**, Noyyal, and **Amaravathi**.

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CWMA and CWRC were established in June 2018 under the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act 1956.

Syllabus Relevance: Directly relevant to Article 262, Inter-State River Water Disputes Act 1956, and Cauvery river geography (Units 3, 5 & 8).

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