

Cauvery Water Issue: DMK Petitions Supreme Court to Direct Release from Karnataka

DMK filed an application in the Supreme Court seeking directions to Karnataka to release Tamil Nadu's share of Cauvery water as recommended by CWRC.

An legal application in the Supreme Court concerning inter-State water sharing implementation and fulfillment of water release quotas at Biligundlu.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- DMK moved the **Supreme Court** seeking directions to Karnataka to release Tamil Nadu's share of **Cauvery water**.
- The application requested Karnataka to ensure a flow of **3,500 cusecs** per day at **Biligundlu** contact point.
- The requested flow aligns with the directives issued by the **Cauvery Water Regulation Committee** on **July 28**.
- The plea urged the court to direct Karnataka to make good an accumulated backlog of **9.46 TMC** as of **July 26, 2026**.
- The petition emphasizes protecting water-starved agricultural lands in **lower riparian districts** of **Tamil Nadu**.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Article 262 of the Indian Constitution empowers Parliament to adjudicate 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 by the Government of India on **June 2, 1990**.

Biligundlu located in **Krishnagiri district** functions as the inter-State water measuring station between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

In **February 2018**, the Supreme Court modified CWDT award and allocated **177.25 TMC** of water annually to Tamil Nadu.

The **Cauvery Water Management Authority** (CWMA) and Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) were constituted in **June 2018**.

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

REVISION FLASHCARD

Article 262 empowers Parliament to adjudicate inter-State river water disputes like the Cauvery dispute.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Group 1, 2, and 4 exams under Constitution (Article 262) and Tamil Nadu Water Resources.

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