

Centre Reiterates Stand on Mokedatu Dam Project in Lok Sabha

The Union Government reiterated its stance on the proposed Mokedatu dam project across the Cauvery river in the Lok Sabha.

The Mokedatu project is a proposed balancing reservoir-cum-drinking water project by Karnataka across the Cauvery river, strongly opposed by Tamil Nadu.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The Union government reiterated its stance on the **Mokedatu project** in the **Lok Sabha** during Question Hour.
- DMK MP **Dayanidhi Maran** raised questions regarding the impact of the proposed dam on **Tamil Nadu's** water allocation.
- **Karnataka** proposes to construct the Mokedatu balancing reservoir to meet the drinking water needs of **Bengaluru** city.
- Tamil Nadu opposes the project stating it violates the **Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal** award and **Supreme Court** judgment.
- Tamil Nadu's **Chief Minister** had previously sent a letter to Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** seeking withdrawal of the Union Minister's reply.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Article 262 of the Indian Constitution deals with the adjudication of disputes relating to waters of inter-state rivers or river valleys.

The **Inter-State River Water Disputes Act** was enacted by Parliament in **1956** under Article 262.

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

The Supreme Court delivered its final verdict on the Cauvery water dispute on **February 16, 2018**, allocating **177.25 TMC** water 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 Hills of the Western Ghats in **Kodagu** district, Karnataka.

Mokedatu is a deep gorge located at the confluence of the Cauvery and **Arkavathi** rivers in Karnataka.

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Article 262 empowers Parliament to adjudicate inter-state river water disputes; CWMA was constituted in June 2018.

Syllabus Relevance: Extremely relevant for Group 1, 2, 2A & 4 under Unit 8 (TN History, Culture & Social Movements), Unit 3 (Geography) and Unit 5 (Indian Polity - Article 262).

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