

Centre's Shifted Stance on Mokedatu Dam Project and Cauvery Water Sharing

The Union Government informed the Rajya Sabha about the role of CWMA regarding Karnataka's Mokedatu project proposal and downstream consent.

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

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The Union **Ministry of Jal Shakti** responded in the Rajya Sabha regarding the **Mokedatu** balancing reservoir project across the Cauvery.
- The **Supreme Court** modified the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) final award in its judgment dated **February 2018**.
- **Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA)** functions as the regulator and implementer of the modified award for Cauvery water distribution.
- Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Mokedatu project was submitted by **Karnataka** to the **Central Water Commission (CWC)**.
- **Tamil Nadu** opposes the Mokedatu project citing potential violation of the final allocation of **Cauvery water** to lower riparian states.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) was constituted by the Union Government on **June 2, 1990** under the **Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956**.

The final award of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal was delivered on **February 5, 2007**.

Article 262 of the Indian Constitution empowers Parliament to adjudicate disputes relating to waters of inter-state rivers or river valleys.

The Cauvery Water Management Authority (**CWMA**) was officially constituted on **June 1, 2018** following Supreme Court directions.

The Cauvery river originates at **Talakaveri** in the **Brahmagiri** range of the Western Ghats in Kodagu district, Karnataka.

River Cauvery enters Tamil Nadu at **Hogenakkal** in **Dharmapuri** district.

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Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) was constituted on June 1, 2018 to implement CWDT award.

Syllabus Relevance: Extremely crucial for Group 1, 2, 2A & 4 under Inter-State River Water Disputes (Article 262) and Tamil Nadu Geographical & Historical Water Rights.

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