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Madras HC Dismisses Petition Against TN Assembly's Mekedatu Resolution Amendment

The Madras High Court dismissed a writ petition filed by AIADMK challenging an amendment to a Tamil Nadu Assembly resolution regarding the Mekedatu reservoir dispute.

The Mekedatu dispute involves Karnataka's proposal to construct a balancing reservoir across the Cauvery River, which Tamil Nadu opposes to safeguard downstream water rights.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- A division bench comprising Chief Justice **Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari** and Justice **G. Arul Murugan** dismissed the writ petition.
- The petition was filed by **AIADMK** Chief Whip **Agri S.S. Krishnamurthy** challenging the amendment passed by the Legislative Assembly.
- The original resolution opposed Karnataka's plan to build a balancing reservoir across the **Cauvery River** at **Mekedatu**.
- The amendment pertained to seeking the constitution of an appropriate **tribunal mechanism** for resolving the inter-state dispute.
- The court reiterated that proceedings and resolutions of the **Legislative Assembly** reflect the collective decision of the House.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Article 262 of the Indian Constitution empowers Parliament to enact laws for adjudicating inter-state river water disputes.

Under **Article 262(2)**, Parliament may exclude the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court or any other court over inter-state water disputes.

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

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

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

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

Article 212 of the Constitution provides that courts shall not inquire into proceedings of the State Legislature.

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Article 262 governs Inter-State River Water Disputes; Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) was formed on June 2, 1990.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Group 1/2/4 on Constitutional Articles (Art 262, 212), Water Dispute Tribunals, and Assembly Procedures.

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