

PMK Urges Centre to Empower Cauvery Board

PMK leader Anbumani Ramadoss criticized the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) for not directing Karnataka to release Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu.

This news concerns the ongoing inter-state Cauvery water dispute and a demand to replace the existing management authority with a more empowered board.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- **Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK)** leader **Anbumani Ramadoss** criticized the **Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA)**.
- Dr. Anbumani criticized **CWMA** for refusing to direct **Karnataka** to release **Cauvery water** to **Tamil Nadu**.
- **PMK** demanded that the **CWMA** be replaced with an empowered **Cauvery Management Board**.
- **Anbumani Ramadoss** alleged that **Karnataka's reservoirs** held sufficient water to release **Tamil Nadu's share**.
- He stated that the **CWMA** lacked the **authority** to enforce its decisions or act against **violations**.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

The **Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT)** was constituted in **1990** to adjudicate the dispute.

The **CWDT** delivered its **final award** in **2007**, allocating water shares to the basin states.

The **Supreme Court** delivered its verdict on the Cauvery dispute in **February 2018**, modifying the **CWDT award**.

The **Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA)** and **Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC)** were constituted in **2018** based on the **Supreme Court's directions**.

The **Cauvery basin** states and Union Territory involved in the dispute are **Tamil Nadu**, **Karnataka**, **Kerala**, and **Puducherry**.

Article 262 of the **Indian Constitution** provides for the adjudication of disputes relating to waters of **inter-state rivers** or river valleys.

The **Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956**, empowers the **Central Government** to set up **tribunals** for such disputes.

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PMK demands replacement of Cauvery Management Authority with empowered Cauvery Management Board.

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