SC Declines Plea Seeking 70 TMC Allocation from Cauvery Water

The Supreme Court declined to entertain a petition seeking 70 TMC of water from Tamil Nadu's Cauvery river allocation.

A judicial proceeding concerning inter-state river water sharing and disputes governed under constitutional and statutory tribunals.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Supreme Court** dismissed a petition that sought an allocation of **70 TMC** feet of water from Tamil Nadu's river share.
- The bench observed that riparian states **Tamil Nadu** and **Karnataka** are already contesting water disputes before authorized forums.
- The court reiterated that settled water shares between **riparian states** cannot be altered through parallel public interest litigations.
- Water allocations among the basin states continue to be administered based on **apex court judgments** and statutory body guidelines.
- The decision upholds the authority of established **interstate dispute resolution** bodies over individual ad-hoc petitions.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Article 262 of the Indian Constitution empowers Parliament to provide by law for the adjudication of inter-state river water disputes.

Parliament enacted the **Inter-State River Water Disputes Act** in **1956** under the mandate of Article 262.

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

The CWDT delivered its final award on **February 5, 2007**, dividing water among Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, and **Puducherry**.

In February 2018, the Supreme Court allocated **177.25 TMC** feet of water to Tamil Nadu annually at **Biligundlu**.

The Central Government notified the **Cauvery Water Management Authority** (CWMA) on **June 1, 2018**.

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

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Syllabus Relevance: Directly relevant to Unit 5 (Inter-State Relations, Article 262) and Unit 3/8 (Rivers of Tamil Nadu & Agrarian History).

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