

Tamil Nadu CM Consults on Mekedatu, Cauvery Water Issue

Tamil Nadu CM C. Joseph Vijay held a consultation meeting regarding the Mekedatu issue as Karnataka did not release Cauvery water to Mettur Dam.

The Mekedatu issue refers to a proposed multi-purpose (drinking water and power) balancing reservoir project by Karnataka across the Cauvery river, which Tamil Nadu opposes.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **C. Joseph Vijay** held a consultation meeting on the **Mekedatu issue** on Monday, **July 20, 2026**.
- The meeting addressed measures to be taken in light of **Karnataka** not releasing **Cauvery water** to the **Mettur Dam**.
- Minister for Rural Development and Water Resources N. Anand** attended the meeting.
- Minister for Public Works and Sports Aadhav Arjuna** and **Minister for Electricity and Law R. Nirmalkumar** also participated.
- Chief Secretary M. Sai Kumar** and **Advocate General Vijay Narayan** were among the senior officials present.
- Principal Secretary of Water Resources Department **Satyabrata Sahoo**, Law Secretary **P. Sumathi**, and Chairman of **Cauvery Technical Cell R. Subramanian** also attended.
- The **Cauvery Water Management Authority** is scheduled to meet on Wednesday.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

The **Cauvery River** originates in **Talakaveri, Kodagu district, Karnataka**.

Mettur Dam, located in **Salem district, Tamil Nadu**, is built across the **Cauvery River**.

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

The **Cauvery Water Management Authority** (CWMA) was established in **2018** by the **Central Government** to implement the CWDT award.

The **Inter-State River Water Disputes Act** was enacted in **1956** to provide for the adjudication of disputes.

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

The **Mekedatu project**, proposed by **Karnataka**, involves the construction of a **balancing reservoir**.

Tamil Nadu opposes the **Mekedatu project**, citing violation of the **Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal final award**.

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Mekedatu issue involves Cauvery river water dispute between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

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