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भारत सरकार  
जल शक्ति मंत्रालय  
जल संसाधन नदी विकास एवं गंगा संरक्षण विभाग  
केन्द्रीय जल आयोग  
जल आयोजन एवं परियोजनासमन्वय निदेशालय



Government of India  
Ministry of Jal Shakti  
Deptt. of Water Resources, RD&GR  
Central Water Commission  
WP&P Coordination Directorate

**विषय:** सूचना का अधिकार, 2005 के अंतर्गत Shri Aadithya Cholan, No: 5 F/i BalambigaiNagar Road, Ramapuram, Chennai, Tamilnadu, Pin: 600089. email: advocattecholan@gmail.com का RTI क्रं CWCND/R/E/23/00159 दिनांक 25/05/2023 के आवेदन द्वारा मांगी गई सूचना के संबंध में।  
(Information sought under RTI Act by Shri Aadithya Cholan, No: 5 F/i BalambigaiNagar Road, Ramapuram, Chennai, Tamilnadu, Pin: 600089. email: advocattecholan@gmail.com vide RTI application No. CWCND/R/E/23/00159 dated 25/05/2023-reg)

इस कार्यालय में 30/05/2023 को केन्द्रीय जल आयोग के अवर सचिव एवं सूचना के अधिकार के नोडल अधिकारी के पत्रांक A-49012/8/2023/RTI/720-21 दिनांक: 29/05/2023 से प्राप्त Shri Aadithya Cholan.का दिनांक 25/05/2023 आवेदन के संबंध में जल आयोजन एवं परियोजना स्कंध, केन्द्रीय जल आयोग में उपलब्ध जानकारी निम्नानुसार है:

[With reference to above RTIs Application, which was transferred to this office from Under Secretary & Nodal Officer, RTI cell, CWC, New Delhi on <>, vide letter no. A-49012/8/2023/RTI/720-21 Dated:29/05/2023. Information available in WP&P Wing of CWC, is provided as below:]

क्र.सं	वांछित सूचना/ information Requested	उपलब्ध सूचना/ Available information
1.	Status of Mekedatu Dam Project: i. Project commencement date. ii. Project completion date (if available) iii. Current progress/ status of the dam construction	No specific information w.r.t the Sl. No (i) to (iii) is available in this office. Hence, the information may be treated as Nil.
2.	Project Value: i. Total estimated cost of the Mekedatu Dam project. ii. Funding sources for the project	As per DPR of Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir and Drinking water Project, the estimated cost of the project is 9000 Crores, at price level of 2018-19.  No specific information w.r.t the funding sources is available in this office.

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3.	Reason behind Karnataka State building the dam i. Key objectives and benefits expected from the project. ii. Anticipated contributions to water resource management and irrigation. iii. Enhancement of hydropower generation capacity, if applicable.	As per the submitted DPR, Project proposal envisages meeting drinking water requirement of Bengaluru Metropolitan Region to the extent of 4.75 TMC and its adjoining area. It also envisages generating about 400 MW of power by utilizing the available fall in the bed level between the Mekedatu Site and Biligundlu.
4.	Disadvantages for Tamil Nadu if the dam built: i. Potential impact on the water flow downstream to Tamil Nadu ii. Possible consequences for irrigation and agriculture in Tamil Nadu. iii. Any potential mitigation measures to address these concerns	No specific information w.r.t the Sl. No (i) to (iii) of 4 is available in this office. Hence, the information may be treated as Nil.
5.	The need to build the dam: i. Rationale for the construction of the Mekedatu Dam. ii. Justification for the utilization of the Cauvery River resources iii. Measures taken to ensure ecological sustainability and environmental impact assessment, iv. Has the Mekedatu Dam project received clearance or permission from the concerned ministry?	No specific information w.r.t the Sl. No (i) to (iii) of 5 is available in this office. However, DPR of Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir and Drinking Water Project of Govt of Karnataka was submitted to CWC/ CWMA in 2019. Earlier, Feasibility Report of the Project was accorded "In-Principle" consent by PAO, CWC in 2018 for preparation of DPR, subject to conditions which include "views of other Co-Basin ( i.e., Cauvery ) States would also be taken into consideration" & "acceptance of Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) would be prerequisite for consideration of the DPR by the Advisory Committee of DoWR, RD & GR". However, consent of (i) Co-basin States of Cauvery Basin & (ii) CWMA is awaited and hence, appraisal process could not be expedited.
6.	Please provide copies of any documents, notifications, or letters issued by the ministry regarding the approval or permission for the Mekedatu Dam project: What are the conditions or stipulations imposed by the ministry, if any, for the construction and operation of the Mekedatu Dam?	Approval letter of PFR of Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir and Drinking Water Project of Karnataka is enclosed as <b>Annexure - 1</b>
7.	Has an environmental impact assessment (EIA) been	So far as environmental impact assessment (EIA) for the Mekedatu Dam project is concerned, CWC has no

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	conducted for the Mokedatu Dam project? If yes, please provide a copy of the EIA report.	information as EIA are not being dealt in this Office. Applicant may contact Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change for inputs.
8.	Were any public consultations or hearings conducted as part of the decision making process for granting permission to the Mokedatu Dam project? If so, please provide details and copies of relevant records. What are the criteria or guidelines followed by the ministry in evaluating and granting permission for dam projects like Mokedatu? Please provide any relevant policy documents or guidelines.	No specific information w.r.t the public consultation or hearings conducted as part of the decision making process for granting permission to the Mokedatu Dam project is available in this office.  Guidelines for Submission, Appraisal and Acceptance of Irrigation and Multipurpose Projects, 2017 having 53 nos. of pages is enclosed as <b>Annexure - 2</b>
9.	Has the ministry conducted any independent assessments or studies to evaluate the potential environmental, social or economic impacts of the Mokedatu Dam project? If yes, please provide copies of the reports or findings.	Reply is as given at S.No. 7.
10.	What is the current status of the Mokedatu Dam project? Has any construction work commenced and if so, please provide details of the progress made so far Have any legal or regulatory challenges been raised against the Mokedatu Dam project? If yes, please provide information on the status and outcomes of such challenges. Is there any timeline or deadline specified by the ministry for the completion of the Mokedatu Dam project? If yes, please provide details.	No specific information is available in this office. However, Status of Appraisal of Mokedatu Balancing Reservoir and Drinking Water Project DPR has been already given at SL No. 5.

यदि आप इस कार्यालय द्वारा प्रदान की गई जानकारी/जवाब से संतुष्ट नहीं हैं, तो आप इस पत्र की प्राप्ति से 30 दिनों के भीतर सीधे प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी को अपील कर सकते हैं जिसका पता नीचे दिया गया है।

[In case you are not satisfied with the information/ reply provided by this office, you may directly prefer an appeal within 30 days from the receipt of this letter to the first appellate authority whose address is given as under.]

Designation & address of First Appellate Authority in respect of	Chief Engineer (PAO), Central Water Commission, 7th Floor (S), Sewa Bhawan, R. K. Puram, New Delhi
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2. Under Secretary and Nodal Officer, RTI Cell with reference to letter No A-49012/8/2023/RTI/720-21 Dated29/05/2023for kind information and further necessary action please  
(Applicant may find the RTI reply correspondence at <http://cwc.gov.in/rti-reply> )

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