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Didn't release water to TN: DKS

Bengaluru: Deputy chief minister and water resources minister DK Shivakumar, on Monday, denied reports that the state released Cauvery river water to Tamil Nadu and clarified that water from KRS dam was released to fill Shivam dam, from where it is pumped to meet drinking water needs of Bengaluru city.

Shivakumar said there wasn't enough water in Shivam dam to pump to Bengaluru and that the minimum level had fallen short by two feet. He said BWSSB had specifically requested release of water from KRS for this purpose.

He denied remarks by BJP that the govt had "clandestinely" released water to Tamil Nadu, pointing out that



HEAT WAVE: Water resources minister DK Shivakumar addresses reporters at Vidhana Soudha on Monday

every cusec of water is meticulously monitored. He said Tamil Nadu had not demanded water, so the "notion of releasing water is unfounded". Shivakumar, who also holds the Bengaluru development portfolio, acknowledged the shortage of drinking wa-

ter in the capital, and said that govt had taken proactive measures to address the situation. He said scarcity was particularly acute in areas reliant on borewells, with nearly half of the city's borewells having dried up.

"To mitigate the situation, we arranged supply through tankers. BBMP and BWSSB are making all efforts in this regard," he said.

But he underscored the necessity of a long-term solution, citing implementation of the Mekedatu project as essential to meeting Bengaluru's drinking water needs. He said instead of pushing the project through, the opposition parties are "engaging in politics over it". TNN

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Mekedatu dam will end water crisis: Shivakumar

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BENGALURU

Accusing some of politicising the Bengaluru water crisis, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Monday said the State was facing the worst drought in 30-40 years.

"There is no shortage of water in areas serviced by Cauvery water. Those areas dependent on borewells have been facing crisis," he said. He added that the solution to the crisis is the construction of Mekedatu balancing reservoir over the Cauvery [which is opposed by Tamil Nadu].

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