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## Cauvery row: Karnataka to challenge CWRC's direction

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# NGT pulls up States, Centre for failing to clean up rivers

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A woman offering prayers on the banks of the polluted Yamuna in New Delhi. FILE PHOTO

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**T**he National Green Tribunal has ordered issuing notices to Chief Secretaries of all States and the Secretary of the Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS), pointing out that a 2021 order of the green court on cleaning polluted river stretches has not been implemented till now.

In the 2021 order, the green court had directed that all States and UTs may address gaps in the generation and treatment of sewage or effluents by ensuring the setting up of the requisite number of functional Effluent Treatment Plants (ETPs), Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs) and Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), as directed by the Supreme Court.

The order had also said that the MoJS may devise an appropriate mechanism for more effective monitoring of steps for control of pollution and rejuvenation of all polluted river stretches in the country. "Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs and Pollution Control Boards (PCBs)/ Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) must work in mission mode for strict compliance of timelines," the order had mentioned.

## 'Submit report'

In an order dated October 9, 2023, the NGT said, "The material pointed out by the applicants indicate that the order of the Tribunal has not been implemented by all the States in true letter and spirit till now. Hence, we issue notices to Chief Secretaries of all the States and Secretary MoJS with the direction to submit the

report in respect of compliance of the above order of the Tribunal."

The green court was hearing an application by applicants seeking execution of the earlier NGT order.

The applicants pointed out that different States, such as Assam, Bihar and Tripura, are not treating all sewage generated. The applicants said Assam does not have the facility to treat 437.23 Million Litres per Day (MLD) of sewage generated.

"He has also referred to the minutes related to Tripura and has submitted that out of total sewage generation of 82.4 MLD, sewage treatment capacity exists only for 8.72 MLD. Thus, having a huge gap of 73.68 MLD in the sewage treatment," the order said.

The matter is now listed for December 13.

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# Deficient October rains lower reservoirs level a tad

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The storage level in India's 150 major reservoirs declined a tad and remained lower than the last 10 years' average with 63 per cent of the 712 districts in the country receiving deficient or no rainfall.

The Central Water Commission (CWC) said in its weekly bulletin on Thursday that the live storage in the reservoirs was 132.037 billion cubic metres (BCM) against 132.721 BCM last week. Despite the marginal dip, the storage was 74 per cent of the capacity both weeks.

The CWC said the level was 8 percentage points less than a year ago and 20 percentage points lower

than the last 10 years' average.

The water level in South India continued to be a cause for concern with the storage dropping to 49 per cent of the capacity from 50 per cent last week. It was 26.021 BCM on Thursday against 26.435 BCM a week ago.

## TN, A CONCERN

Among the southern States, the storage in Tamil Nadu continued to be 62 per cent below normal — the highest in the country — while it remained unchanged at 49 per cent lower than normal in Andhra Pradesh and at 29 per cent lower than normal in Karnataka.

However, the situation improved in Kerala. But the water level was 24 per

cent below normal against 26 per cent below normal a week ago.

In the reservoirs common for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, the water level declined to 61 per cent below normal from 60 per cent, CWC data showed.

## PUNJAB LEVEL DOWN

The storage has declined in northern parts of the country to 82.3 per cent of the capacity against 84 per cent a week ago. However, it is 0.3 percentage point higher than the last 10 years' average. In the North, the water level in Punjab has declined to 15 per cent below normal compared with 13 per cent a week ago.

In the eastern parts, the water level has increased

## Changing storage status

Reservoirs	Last week	This week
Punjab	-13	-15
Odisha	-2	1
Bihar	9	16
Uttar Pradesh	-33	-29
Maharashtra	-2	-3
AP & Telangana	-60	-61
Karnataka	-29	-29
Kerala	-26	-24
Tamil Nadu	-62	-62
West Bengal	9	20

Source: Central Water Commission  
\*Departure from normal storage in %age

by 2 percentage points to 80 per cent of normal with the storage in West Bengal improving to 20 per cent above normal from 9 per cent a week ago.

The storage in the western region was almost un-

changed at 89 per cent of the normal, though the water level in Maharashtra has declined to 3 per cent below normal from 2 per cent a week ago.

The water level in the central region was also static at 84 per cent of the capacity with the storage in Madhya Pradesh remaining at 6 per cent above normal. In Uttar Pradesh, the level was 29 per cent below normal compared with 33 per cent a week ago.

## DICEY SITUATION

According to CWC, the water level in 114 reservoirs has been reported over 80 per cent of normal storage this week (108 last week). The level in 36 others was 80 per cent or below (42), with 11 of them

having storage up to 50 per cent only. (12). Aliyar (18% of normal), Mettur (15%), Nagarjuna Sagar (23%), Tattihalla (26%), Kandaluru (37%), Krishna-raja Sagara (44%) and Somasila (47%) are the reservoirs in the South where the situation is a little dicey.

The delay in the onset of the North-East Monsoon by 10 days could cause concern but the Indian Meteorological Department has said the monsoon will have normal to excess rainfall. The monsoon usually sets in by October 18.

Global models have forecast good rainfall in peninsular India during the North-West monsoon in view of a strengthening Indian Ocean Dipole.



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The matter of release of water is expected to soon come up before the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA), which will issue an order based on the recommendation of the CWRC, its assisting body.

"We have an inflow of 8,000-9,000 cusecs (in state's reservoirs), but still we will protect the interest of farmers. We will appeal against it (CWRC recommendation). We find it very difficult, as still there are no rains," Shivakumar, who is also in-charge of the state's Water Resources department, said.

Responding to a question on load shedding resulting in power cuts in many parts of the state and trouble faced by farmers unable to operate their pump sets as a result, the Deputy CM said that due to drought situation in many parts of the state, there is a deficit of power, and Energy Minister K J George has met Union Power Minister



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(R K Singh) and has sought for supply of power from the central grid.

"When I was the power minister (during earlier Congress govt), I added more than 12,000 MW of power, but when the BJP regime was there, they did not plan to add any power. Normally, there will be 10-15 per cent growth every year. They just sold the power, that's all. Now there is drought, almost 200 taluks are in drought and people are finding it very difficult," he said.

Noting that to generate power a lot of water is needed, and "also the coal issue is there", he said, but still we want to help the farmers. Our (energy) minister has met the union power minister and has sought for power from the central grid... Due to drought, there is a deficit of power, but still we are trying to manage it.