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TN TO APPROACH SC ON CAUVERY

DC CORRESPONDENT

CHENNAI, OCT 31:

State Water Resources Minister Duraimurugan said that Tamil Nadu would approach the Supreme Court if Karnataka continued to renege in its mandate to release the necessary quantum of water in River Cauvery after taking up the issue with the Cauvery Water Management Authority when it meets on November 3.

Speaking to reporters on Tuesday, the Minister criticized the cavalier attitude of the officials in the Union Government towards getting the State's share of water from Karnataka, which was being stubborn in not releasing the water.

He said he was surprised by the unprecedented obstinacy of Karnataka government in not following the Supreme Court order and added that he had not seen such an attitude in the 20 years that he had dealt with the dispute.

Stating that governments not adhering to Supreme Court verdicts was not good for democracy, he said that Tamil Nadu had received just 54 TMC water since June this year and 83 TMC water was due to the State from Karnataka.

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PM's help sought over 11 flood protection projects: Dy CM

Writes to Modi for the release of ₹2,531 cr for channelling rivulets

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, OCTOBER 31

Himachal has sought the intervention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the release of Rs 2,531.24 crore central funds for 11 flood protection and channelling projects that have already got investment clearance from the Union Government.

Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri today said that he had written to the Prime Minister seeking his intervention in the release of funds for 11 flood protection projects. "An early release of funds for these projects is important, espe-

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COST	PROJECT
₹157 crore	Protection and channelling of Seer rivulet
₹46 crore	Swan river flood management
₹231 crore	Flood protection and stabilisation of Naker khud
₹250 crore	Channelling of Yamuna on right bank at Paonta
₹25 crore	Channelling of Giri river
₹105 crore	Channelling of Markanda river
₹339 crore	Flood protection works on Swan river and its tributaries
₹195 crore	Flood protection works on Seer khud in Ghumarwin
₹485 crore	Flood protection works on Suketi khud
₹504 crore	Flood protection works on khuds in Jaswan-Pragpur

cially in view of devastation caused by heavy rain and floods during the monsoon recently," he added.

He said that the proposed Rs 1,650 crore project for

channeling the Beas in Kullu and Mandi districts was important to protect habitations and structures close to its banks. "Damage caused by heavy rain and

floods was the least in Una due to the channelling of the Swan river. So, these works need to be done along other rivers and khuds as well," he added.

Agnihotri said that the Jal Shakti Department had suffered around Rs 2,200 crore loss, including Rs 600 crore loss to works undertaken under the Jal Jivan Mission, and the Central Government should compensate the state for it. He added that Rs 350 crore was awaited for the Fina Singh project that has got investment clearance.

khuds in Jaswan-Pragpur area of Kangra district.

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Siddaramaiah stubborn on not releasing Cauvery water, alleges TN

Says will move SC if CWMA meeting doesn't give favourable order

E T B SIVAPRIYAN
CHENNAI, DHNS

Blaming Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy D K Shivakumar for being "stubborn" and "adamant" on not releasing Cauvery water to the state, the Tamil Nadu government

on Tuesday said it will move the Supreme Court once again if the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) meeting this week doesn't give an order in its favour.

Water Resources Minister Durai Murugan told reporters here that the Cauvery Water Regulatory Authority's deci-

sion asking Karnataka to release 2,600 cusec of water to Tamil Nadu was "not enough" as the demand was release of 13,000 cusec of water.

He said Tamil Nadu will raise the issue at the CWMA meeting on November 3 and insist on an order directing Karnataka to release water every day.

'Received 56.4 tmcft'

Durai Murugan said Tamil Nadu has received only 56.4 tmcft of water between June 1 and October 26 as against 140 tmcft in line with the monthly schedule of water release part

of the 2018 Supreme Court judgment.

There is a default of 83.6 tmcft of water, the minister said, adding that even if one goes by the distress formula, Tamil Nadu has received less water from Karnataka.

"In this country, everyone has to respect the Supreme Court. But here is a government which is not respecting a verdict given by the Supreme Court. I have dealt with several chief ministers and water resources ministers of Karnataka during my previous tenure, but Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar are very stubborn

and adamant," Durai Murugan said.

The minister said he was surprised at the fact that the chief minister and his deputy were being "so stubborn" despite orders from the authorities concerned to release water to Tamil Nadu.

Durai Murugan's comments come after Shivakumar said Karnataka won't be able to release water to Tamil Nadu.

"We will raise our issues at the CWMA meeting. If we don't get a favourable order, we will have no option but to move the Supreme Court,"

Durai Murugan added.

While Tamil Nadu wants the monthly schedule to be adhered to without fail, Karnataka says it can release water only after catering to the needs of its people and farmers.

'Talks ruled out'

Tamil Nadu has ruled out talks with Karnataka over the sharing of Cauvery water, contending that it was after the failure of several dialogues, the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal was constituted, and the Supreme Court accepted its award with slight modifications.

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Kanpur: Ganga river faces severe contamination

OUR CORRESPONDENT

KANPUR: Ganga, one of India's most revered rivers, is once again grappling with severe contamination issues in the city of Kanpur, as unveiled in a shocking report by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). The findings of the report reveal that Ganga's water quality in Kanpur has reached an unprecedented low, rendering it unsuitable not only for rituals like bathing but even for basic human contact.

The investigation conducted by the CPCB, led by Ajit Vidyarthi, Director and Department Head of Water Quality Management, spanned over three sampling dates - July 10, July 24, and August 22. The report reveals that a significant portion of the Ganga, stretching from Bithoor to Fatehpur in Kanpur, is now severely polluted, raising grave concerns among the residents and environmentalists.

The pollution levels have spiked alarmingly, particularly following the Covid-19 pandemic, making most of the riverbanks less suitable for public gatherings and rituals.

The original plan was to sample water from 27 drains



in Kanpur and two in Unnao. However, due to the monsoon season, samples could be collected from only 20 drains. Of these, 18 were from the Ganga, and the remaining two were from the Pandu River, a Ganga tributary.

The water collected from the Ganga near Budhiya Ghat drain revealed extreme contamination. Notably, the water exhibited a disconcerting Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) level of 580 mg per litre, and a Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) level of 920 mg per litre, all surpassing acceptable standards.

Furthermore, the pH levels in Ganga water have been rising rapidly, reaching above the recommended pH of 7 at multiple locations, including Narora, Garh, Farrukhabad, Bithoor, and Fatehpur. High pH levels can have detrimental effects on aquatic life and the environment.

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Rain Deficit in Oct may Hurt Rabi Sowing, Raise Inflation Concerns

NEW DELHI A rainfall deficiency of more than 32.6% in October, coupled with low water levels in reservoirs, could affect the sowing and yield of primary rabi crops such as wheat and masoor dal, adding to inflationary pressure, said economists tracking the agriculture sector, reports **Shambhavi Anand**.

“Late sowing could affect sentiment and exacerbate stickiness in pulses and cereal inflation,” said Aditi Nayar, chief economist at ratings firm ICRA. With reservoir levels low by historical standards, timely rainfall holds the key to a broad-based momentum in rabi sowing, Nayar added.

Even though food inflation slowed to 6.56% in September from 9.94% in August, prices of pulses and products rose 16.38% in September, compared with 13.04% the previous month and inflation in spices remained sticky at over 23%.

The level of water in 150 reservoirs, as per an October 26 bulletin of the Central Water Commission, was 80% of that last year and 92% of the 10-year average. As many as 14 states, including Maharashtra, have lesser water in their reservoirs compared with last year.

Amar Ujala- 01- November-2023

नेपाल के पहाड़ों की एक-तिहाई बर्फ पिघली

जलवायु परिवर्तन : ग्लेशियरों के पिघलने से नदियों व तालाबों में आ सकता है उफान

काठमांडो। जलवायु परिवर्तन के कारण नेपाल के पहाड़ों की करीब एक-तिहाई बर्फ खत्म हो चुकी है। संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासचिव एंटोनियो गुटेरस ने कहा, इसे खत्म होने में करीब 30 वर्षों का समय लगा है। इस दौरान हिमालय के पहाड़ों में वैश्विक औसत से ज्यादा तापमान बढ़ा है।

केंद्रीय जल आयोग (सीडब्ल्यूसी) की एक रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक, 2009 से 2021 तक के बीच 30 प्रतिशत तक अधिक हिमालयी क्षेत्रों, ग्लेशियर से बनी झीलों और जल निकाय क्षेत्रों में वृद्धि हुई है। इसमें केवल 50 हेक्टेयर से बड़े क्षेत्र वाली ग्लेशियर से बनी झीलों और जल निकायों के आंकड़ों को संकलित किया गया है।

गुटेरस ने एक वीडियो संदेश में कहा, नेपाल के ग्लेशियर पिछले



दशक में उससे पहले के दशक के मुकाबले 65 प्रतिशत ज्यादा तेजी से पिघले हैं। उन्होंने आगे कहा, मैं आज यहां आया हूं ताकि दुनिया की छत से चिल्ला कर कह सकूं, यह पागलपन बंद कीजिए। जीवाश्म ईंधन युग के अंत की मांग करते हुए उन्होंने चेतावनी भी दी कि ग्लेशियरों के पिघलने से नदियों और तालाबों में उफान आ जाएगा। पूरे के पूरे समुदाय बह जाएंगे हुए और समुद्रों के जलस्तर में भी रिकॉर्ड बढ़ोतरी होगी। एजेंसी

जलवायु वैज्ञानिकों का कहना है कि पिछले 100 वर्षों में धरती के तापमान में औसत 0.74 डिग्री सेल्सियस की

पिछले 100 वर्षों 0.74 डिग्री तक बढ़ा धरती का तापमान

बढ़ोतरी हुई है। लेकिन हिमालय के इलाकों में

वैश्विक औसत से ज्यादा तेजी से तापमान बढ़ा है। इस वर्ष जून में प्रकाशित रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक, जलवायु परिवर्तन की इस शताब्दी के अंत तक हिंदू कुश-हिमालय इलाके के ग्लेशियरों का फैलाव 75 प्रतिशत कम हो सकता है।

24 करोड़ लोगों के जीवन पर संकट... इस इलाके में रहने वाले 24 करोड़ लोगों पर बाढ़ का खतरा हो सकता है। पर्वतारोहियों का कहना है कि पहाड़ बीतते समय के साथ अधिक सूखा और भूरे रंग का होता जा रहा है। इससे मालूम पड़ता है कि आने वाले समय में पानी का भी संकट हो सकता है।

18वीं शताब्दी के बाद से तेजी से घटे ग्लेशियर दुनियाभर के अध्ययनों से पता चला है कि 18वीं शताब्दी में औद्योगिक क्रांति की शुरुआत के बाद से ग्लेशियर तेजी से घट रहे हैं। अक्टूबर 2023 की शुरुआत में ग्लेशियल झील में बाढ़ के विस्फोट से तीस्ता नदी के जल में अचानक वृद्धि हुई।