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Govt files review plea with CWMA over water release

Karnataka government has filed a review petition with the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) opposing the order to release 3,000 cusecs of water daily to Tamil Nadu until October 15. CM Siddaramaiah said that if necessary, they would move the Supreme Court after CWMA's review of the petition. Deputy CM DK Shivakumar has urged the CWMA to devise a "fresh approach" given the deficit in rainfall. **P 8**

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Cauvery row: K'taka files review plea with CWMA

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Bengaluru: The state government on Saturday filed a review petition before the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) against the panel's order to release 3,000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu daily till October 15. It also sought permission to build a balancing reservoir across Cauvery River at Makedatu, near Kanakapura, in Ramanagara district.

Chief minister Siddaramaiah said after reviewing CWMA's decision on the review petition, the state government will move the Supreme Court, if required.

Deputy chief minister DK Shivakumar, who also holds the water resources portfolio, said the state government has appealed to the CWMA to arrive at a "new formula" amid the current period of rain deficit. Owing to insufficient rain-



WON'T BUDGE: Protests over the issue continued in Bengaluru

fall between June and August, the state is facing a severe water, he pointed out.

On Friday, Siddaramaiah held a meeting with retired judges of the Supreme Court and former advocate generals to seek their opinions before announcing that the state would file a review petition before CWMA and SC.

Siddaramaiah also pointed out the dire situation the state was facing due to insufficient rainfall and said that the inability to release Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu should not be seen as contempt of court or lead to the

dismissal of the government. The CM said the government was seriously considering the suggestion of legal experts to establish an expert advisory committee dedicated to monitoring the state's irrigation projects and collecting data on water availability.

This committee's role would be to provide continuous advice to the government and the legal team regarding inter-state water disputes such as the Cauvery issue, Siddaramaiah said.

The CWMA had recently endorsed the directive of its assisting body, Cauvery Water Regulation Committee, which had recommended that Karnataka release 3,000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu daily until October 15.

A bandh was observed in Bengaluru on Tuesday and a state-wide bandh on Friday, opposing release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu.

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GOOD INITIATIVE

Centre lauds Telangana govt's efforts in raising water table

Groundwater level up by 4 metres

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The average groundwater level in the state has increased by more than 4 metres in the last nine years, according to data released by the state government.

"The rise is observed in 83 per cent of mandals is the highest in the country. It shows that groundwater extraction in the state has been reduced by 19 per cent, to 39 per cent from 58 in 2013," the report said.

The extractable groundwater resources had increased substantially in 2023 to 739 tmc ft (thousand million cubic feet) as compared to 2013 when it stood at 472 tmc ft.



The state-level committee meets to approve the 'Dynamic Ground Water Resources of Telangana State for 2023' under the chairmanship of Dr Rajat Kumar, special chief secretary, irrigation. — BY ARRANGEMENT

"The Centre appreciated the efforts of the state government in raising the water table and reducing

dependability on groundwater. The water levels have risen because of multi-pronged efforts

made by the state government," the groundwater department said.

The state-level committee met on Friday to approve the 'Dynamic Ground Water Resources of Telangana State for 2023' under the chairmanship of Dr Rajat Kumar, special chief secretary, irrigation. The groundwater resources were assessed jointly by the state's groundwater department and the Central Groundwater Board (CGWB) of the Union Jal Shakti ministry of Jal Shakti.

It added that the efforts to restore the groundwater table included restoration of 27,472 tanks under Mission Kakatiya, using water from the Godavari through the Kaleshwaram

lift irrigation scheme, filling of medium irrigation tanks at regular intervals by linking with major and medium projects and construction of over 1,000 artificial recharge structures such as check dams, percolation tanks and recharge shafts.

Dr Kumar said that groundwater resources must be optimally used for the welfare and prosperity of the farmers.

Shankar, in-charge director, groundwater department, and G. Krishnamurthy, regional director, CGWB and other officers attended the meeting. The SLC members representing various line departments participated in deliberations of the meeting.

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