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Cauvery row: K'taka govt moves SC, to seek Centre's nod for Mekedatu project

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Karnataka on Wednesday filed a petition in the Supreme Court, seeking an injunction on the Cauvery Water Management Authority's order to release 5,000 cusecs of water per day to Tamil Nadu until September 27. The petition is expected to come up for a hearing on Thursday.

A delegation led by CM Siddaramaiah and deputy CM DK Shivakumar will meet Union Jal Shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on Thursday to seek the Centre's clearance for the Mekedatu reservoir project, which Karnataka believes will help end the 125-year-old dispute with the neighbouring state.

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Releasing water to TN not stopped completely: CM

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Following an all-party meeting involving Union ministers and MPs from the state, held in Delhi on Wednesday, Siddaramaiah said: "Of 230 taluks in the state, 195 have been declared drought-hit. Another 20-odd taluks will soon be included."

He added: "August saw a rainfall shortage in the state for the first time in 123 years. Unfortunately, there is no distress formula to address the suffering. We cannot release water. We have no choice but to move the Supreme Court."

Siddaramaiah said: "In all four reservoirs under the Cauvery basin, we have a total of 50-51 tmc of water. For drinking water alone, until next June, we need 33 tmc and another 70 tmc to save our standing crops, apart from 3 tmc for industrial purposes. If we are to abide by the CWMA's decision, Karnataka will have to release 108 tmc of water, which, under the current circumstances, we cannot afford to do."

Asked to clarify whether the government had stopped releasing water to Tamil Nadu, the CM said: "We cannot



A file photo of KRS dam

violate the CWMA's directive completely and that's why, some water is still being released, but not to the tune of 5,000 cusecs per day."

Sources said the state has been releasing 3,500 cusecs per day as of now.

Deputy chief minister DK

Shivakumar said according to the Supreme Court's amended order, Karnataka was told to release 177 tmc of water in a normal year. However, the court did not specify the quantity to be released in a distressed situation. "Until now, we would have released 108 tmc of water had this been a normal year. But, so far, only 39 tmc of water has been released because there is no water and no rain," he added.

Karnataka had earlier filed a petition with CWMA over its recent order. Siddaramaiah said though the government was keen on meeting

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the issue, Union minister Pralhad Joshi indicated that a meeting would not be possible owing to the latter's preoccupation. Joshi said: "They should have told CWMA that it would not be possible for them to release the water. It's their mistake."

Taking a dig at both the parties, Joshi said: "Despite the fact that DMK is an ally of Congress, how many times has the Karnataka spoken to the DMK-led TN government on this issue? The negotiation between the two states should have happened."

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PRLIS: Relief for Telangana as Krishna tribunal rejects AP plea

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Hyderabad/Vijayawada: The Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal II on Wednesday dismissed an interlocutory application moved by Andhra Pradesh against Telangana's Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme. With this order, Telangana can approach the Central Water Commission with the detailed project reports of PRLIS.

AP sought an interim direction from the tribunal contending that Telangana had designed PRLIS in violation of the tribunal award of water allocation to various projects in Krishna river basin. AP also argued that taking 90 tmcft from Srisailem backwaters would be detrimental to the interests of the downstream state.

LIFT PROJECT ROW

► KWDT-II chairman & members said the tribunal did not have jurisdiction to entertain AP's application seeking interim relief

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KWDT-II chairman Justice Brijesh Kumar and members — Justice Rammohan Reddy and Justice S Talapatra — said the tribunal did not have jurisdiction to entertain Andhra Pradesh's application seeking interim relief and asked the state to approach an appropriate authority for remedy.

Sridhar Rao Deshpande, OSD (irrigation), Telangana CMO, said: "We will write to CWC seeking approvals, especially inter-state and hydrology clearances, to Palamuru project which were kept pending by CWC stating that the matter is sub-judice and pending with tribunal. Since the KWDT-II disposed of AP's petition, CWC will have to clear the DPRs now."

The Andhra Pradesh government approached the tribunal in December last year, challenging the GO issued by Telangana government in August 2022 allocating 90 tmcft of water to PRLIS. "The tribunal's decision is a setback for us. We are contemplating approaching the Supreme Court," said a senior official of AP irrigation department.

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PRLIS got forest ministry clearance a few months ago

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Telangana government has recently inaugurated PRLIS phase I, aimed at providing drinking water to 1,200 villages while irrigation works are still going on.



State irrigation officials claimed 90 tmcft of water allocated to PRLIS belongs to Telangana. "Of the 90 tmcft, 45 tmcft was allotted from the savings in minor irrigation sources and another 45 tmcft from Godavari tribunal award. But, AP is trying to stall the Palamuru project," an irrigation official said.

Telangana CM **K Chandrasekhar Rao**, who also handles irrigation port-

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folio, engaged senior counsel CS Vaidyanathan, advocate on record Nikhil Swamy and advocate Harish Vaidyanathan to argue the state's case.

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On the other hand, AP had been trying to prevent Telangana from going ahead with PRLIS works for last two years and approached the National Green Tribunal citing green violations.

The NGT southern bench imposed a penalty of ₹920 crore on Telangana and stalled the works. However, the Supreme Court gave relief to Telangana by staying NGT's order on penalty. The apex court also allowed Telangana to take up the drinking water component of the project. Telangana said it was only going ahead with works meant for providing drinking water through Mission Bhagiratha in the erstwhile districts of Mahabubnagar and Nalgonda.

AP then requested the jal shakti ministry to reject Telangana's DPRs.

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AP application against PRLIS rejected

STATE BUREAU

Hyderabad

An interlocutory application (IA) filed by Andhra Pradesh before the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II pleading to restrain Telangana from utilising 90 TMC of water in the Palamuru Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme (PRLIS), out of 75 per cent dependable flows from Srisailem reservoir, was rejected on Wednesday.

Tribunal Chairman Justice Brijesh Kumar and members Justice Ram Mohan Reddy and Justice S Talapatra pronounced the order stating that the tribunal “does not have jurisdiction to hear this IA”.

Liberty has been given to AP to move appropriate forums on the issue. Voluminous documents filed by both sides were examined and the arguments of both sides were heard by the tribunal. The interlocutory was filed by AP on December 8, 2022, on the issue. Telangana filed its counter to the IA on February 2 this year.

From Telangana, senior counsel CS Vaidyanathan, advocates Nikhil Swamy and Harish Vaidyanathan, Superintending Engineer R Koteswar Rao and Executive Engineer S Vijaya Kumar appeared.

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State to strengthen Kaddam project

Report on structural issues submitted by Dam Safety Authority

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Hyderabad

The State government is weighing various options before it for rehabilitation of the Kaddam project, one of the oldest dams meeting the irrigation and drinking water needs in its command in a big way.

Record inflows received by the projects from catchment in the upstream in recent years called for strengthening further the project by attending to its vulnerable aspects.

All the structural issues pertaining to the project were already examined by the State Dam Safety Authority. A report was given by a team of engineers from the Dam Safety and Rehabilitation Project with important recommendations recently. The alternatives provided by it are under consideration. The government will take a final decision on the report very soon, Engineer in Chief Nagendar Rao said.



The Kaddam project, one of the oldest dams meeting irrigation and drinking water needs, irrigates 27,519 hectares in Adilabad district.

In July 2022, the project received the highest inflow of about 5.09 lakh cusecs,

triggering panic among the people living downstream. The project authorities had

to release excess water through nine crest gates to avoid any damage to the

dam. In July this year too, the project faced a similar situation when it received

an inflow of about 3 lakh cusecs due to flash floods.

The project officials had to alert the villagers and evacuate them to safer places. The project, however, withstood nature's fury much to the relief of the administration and the people.

Flood gates

The flood gates of the project were made in 1956. Nine of the 18 gates were designed with Indian technology and remaining nine with German technology.

The project construction was taken up in 1949 and completed in 1958. It was breached by a massive flood in the same year.

The reconstruction of the project taken up with increased spillway capacity and storage capacity was completed in 1969. The project irrigates an area of 27,519 hectares in Adilabad district. The reservoir is also supplemented by the Saraswathi Canal of the Sri Ram Sagar Project since 1984.

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K'taka to move SC over CWMA order

Siddaramaiah also seeks Prime Minister's intervention

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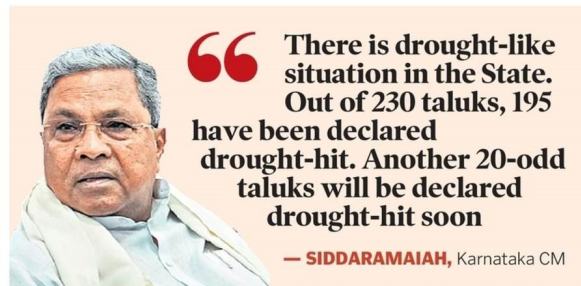
Citing the "drought-like situation" in Karnataka, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday said the State government will appeal in the Supreme Court for an injunction against the CWMA order that stipulates the release of about 5,000 cusecs of water per day to Tamil Nadu till September 28. Siddaramaiah also sought Prime Minister Narendra Modi's intervention in this regard.

The order by the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) came on September 18.

Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar are likely to meet the union Jal Shakti Minister to discuss the matter.

Meanwhile, senior BJP leader and union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi urged the Congress government in Karnataka not to "politicise" the matter as the State has agreed to release 2,500 cusecs out of 5,000 cusecs of water to TN.

The issue was discussed in a meeting with all Members of Parliament and union Ministers from Karnataka in the national capital



here. Barring union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, all MPs from the State attended the meeting.

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August month saw a rainfall shortage for the first time in 123 years. In times of distress, there is no formula to decide how much water to be released for Tamil Nadu, he said.

"Unfortunately, there is no distress formula to address this suffering. We cannot release water. We will appeal to the Supreme Court for an injunction

against the CWMA order....," he said.

The CM also shared that the Supreme Court, in the modified order, had asked Karnataka to release 177.25 TMC of Cauvery water in a normal year. However, it did not specify the quantum of water to be released during any distress year.

"Till now, we were to release 108 TMC of water had it been a normal year. So far, only 39.6 TMC water has been given because there is no water and no rain," he added. Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar said there is very little inflow of water in the state.

CWMA has not come out with a formula on the quantum of water to be released in times of distress situation, he said.

"We are facing a distress situation as we have only 1/3rd of the water. For the

first time in the last 120 years, such a situation has risen. CWMA has asked us to release 5,000 cusecs of water, but we have no water even for drinking. We discussed this with all MPs. They have assured us they will support in our fight," Shivakumar said.

Joshi has assured he will fix a meeting on behalf of Karnataka with the union Jalshakti Minister to present the case, he said and added he has also sought time from the PM to discuss the matter.

Meanwhile, Joshi said the Congress government in Karnataka should talk to the DMK government in Tamil Nadu on the issue as the two parties are allies.

"They should have told to CWMA that it will not be possible to release water.It is your mistake," he said and added MPs and ministers will help whenever possible, but they "should not politicise".

He said DMK is an ally of the Congress party and asked how many times the state government spoke to the DMK-ruled Tamil Nadu government and its chief minister on this issue.

"The negotiation between two states should happen," he suggested.

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CAUVERY ROW

Karnataka files plea in SC for stay on central body order

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 20

THE KARNATAKA government Wednesday filed a petition in the Supreme Court seeking a stay on the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) order to release 5,000 cusecs of Cauvery water per day to downstream Tamil Nadu till September 27.

A delegation of representatives from Karnataka was expected to meet Union Jal Shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat Wednesday but the meeting was postponed to Thursday.

Following an all-party meeting with Union ministers and MPs from the state held in Delhi, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that a petition over the Cauvery row was pending in the Supreme Court.

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'Drought-like situation', K'taka to tell SC

New Delhi, Sept. 20: Citing the 'drought-like situation' in Karnataka, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday said the state government will appeal in the Supreme Court for an injunction against the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) order that stipulates the

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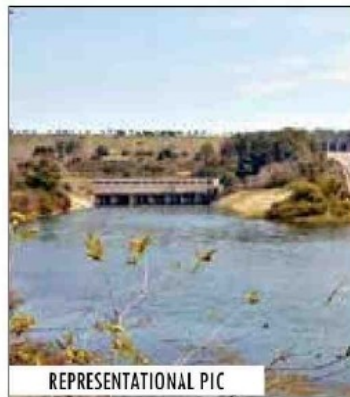
'People affected by water release from Sardar Sarovar dam yet to receive relief'

OUR CORRESPONDENT

AHMEDABAD: The Congress on Wednesday alleged the recent flood-like situation in Bharuch and Narmada districts was "man-made" and occurred due to gross negligence by authorities managing the Sardar Sarovar Dam (SSD), a charge rejected by the ruling BJP.

A delegation of senior Congress leaders visited the two districts in south Gujarat and claimed that affected people are still awaiting assistance from the government.

The Congress alleged houses and properties of thousands of families in the affected parts of the two districts were damaged after "over 18 lakh cusec water" was released suddenly from the dam on September 17 due to "the BJP government's urge to please Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his birthday."



Cusec is a measure of the flow rate of water and is an abbreviation for cubic feet per second (which is equivalent to a flow of 28.317 litres per second).

"The flood-like situation created in the districts of Bharuch and Narmada was man-made and due to gross negligence on the part of the authorities managing the Sardar Sarovar dam," the party said in a statement.

The delegation comprised the leader of the Congress leg-

Key Points

- » A delegation of senior Congress leaders visited the two districts in Gujarat
- » 'The flood-like situation created in the districts of Bharuch and Narmada was man-made and due to gross negligence on the part of the authorities'

islative party Amit Chavda, deputy leader Shailesh Parmar, state working president Himmatsinh Patel, and senior leader Tushar Chaudhary.

The ruling BJP, however, has refuted the allegations saying the dam, situated near Ekta Nagar in Narmada district, received an unprecedented amount of water within just 36 hours from the upstream, which forced authorities to release 18 lakh cusecs of water into the downstream on September 17.

Dainik Bhaskar- 21- September-2023

मोदी 5 को मप्र दौरे पर, केन-बेतवा लिंक प्रोजेक्ट की आधारशिला रखेंगे

भोपाल | प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी अगले माह 5 अक्टूबर को रानी दुर्गावती के 500वीं जयंती पर एक बार फिर मप्र



आ रहे हैं। इसी दिन वे जबलपुर में रानी दुर्गावती के स्मारक निर्माण और खजुराहो में केन-बेतवा लिंक प्रोजेक्ट के लिए केन नदी दौधन गांव में प्रस्तावित बांध की आधारशिला रखेंगे। 44,650 करोड़ लागत वाली इस सिंचाई, पेयजल और जलविद्युत परियोजना के लिए पिछले माह टेंडर जारी किए जा चुके हैं। बांध से 221 किमी लंबी कृत्रिम नहर निकाली जाएगी। जो झांसी के पहले बेतवा नदी से जाकर जुड़ेगी। नेशनल वाटर डेवलपमेंट एजेंसी और केन-बेतवा लिंक प्रोजेक्ट अथॉरिटी ने इसकी तैयारियां शुरू कर दी हैं।

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सर्वदलीय बैठक में सभी सांसदों ने दिखाई एकजुटता: आज केंद्रीय जलशक्ति मंत्रों से मिलेगा सर्वदलीय प्रांतोनाधमंडल

कावेरी मसले पर सरकार ने किया सुप्रीम कोर्ट का रुख

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बेंगलुरु. कावेरी नदी पर बने बांधों से तमिलनाडु के लिए हर रोज 5 हजार क्यूसेक पानी छोड़ने में असमर्थता जताते हुए राज्य सरकार ने बुधवार को सुप्रीम कोर्ट का रुख किया। इस मामले में राज्य ने केंद्र सरकार से भी हस्तक्षेप का आग्रह किया है। साथ ही, मैकेदाटू संतुलन बांध के निर्माण में भी केंद्र से सहयोग की अपेक्षा की है।

नई दिल्ली पहुंचे मुख्यमंत्री सिद्धरामय्या और उप मुख्यमंत्री डी.के. शिवकुमार ने बुधवार को



बैठक में भाग लेते मुख्यमंत्री, उपमुख्यमंत्री और राज्य के केंद्रीय मंत्री।

राज्य के सभी सांसदों के साथ बैठक की। सर्वदलीय बैठक की अध्यक्षता मुख्यमंत्री सिद्धरामय्या ने की जिसमें शिवकुमार और केंद्रीय मंत्री प्रहलाद जोशी, शोभा करंदलाजे, राजीव चंद्रशेखर, भगवंत खुबा, ए.नारायणस्वामी आदि ने भाग लिया। केंद्रीय वित्त मंत्री निर्मला

सीतारमण पूर्व निर्धारित कार्यक्रमों के कारण बैठक में शामिल नहीं हो सकीं। बैठक के बाद यह भी तय हुआ कि मुख्यमंत्री सिद्धरामय्या और उप मुख्यमंत्री शिवकुमार दिल्ली में ही ठहरेंगे और गुरुवार को केंद्रीय जलशक्ति मंत्री गजेंद्र सिंह शेखावत से मुलाकात के बाद वापस आएंगे।

शीर्ष अदालत में दायर की याचिका

मुख्यमंत्री सिद्धरामय्या ने बैठक के बाद कहा कि कावेरी बेसिन की चारों नदियों में पानी कम है और हम हर रोज तमिलनाडु के लिए 5 हजार क्यूसेक पानी छोड़ने में असमर्थ हैं। इसलिए, हमने आज सुप्रीम कोर्ट में एक याचिका दायर की है। राज्य ने सुप्रीम कोर्ट की ओर से नियुक्त अधिकारियों के समक्ष याचिका रखी है कि, वह क्यों पानी नहीं छोड़ सकता है। गुरुवार को तमिलनाडु की याचिका पर भी सुनवाई होनी है।

केंद्र के तत्काल हस्तक्षेप की मांग

उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार मैकेदाटू संतुलन बांध की मंजूरी के लिए केंद्र के तत्काल हस्तक्षेप की भी मांग कर रही है। तटवर्ती राज्यों के बीच पानी के बंटवारे के लिए कोई संकट फार्मूला नहीं है। इसलिए, इसमें शामिल सभी पक्षों के लिए मैकेदाटू बांध का निर्माण करना सबसे उपयुक्त है। इससे अतिरिक्त पानी को संग्रहित किया जा सकेगा और संकट के समय उपयोग में लाया जा सकेगा।

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केन-बेतवा लिंक परियोजना: पन्ना के आठ गांव होंगे प्रभावित, पुनर्वास और व्यवस्थापन की रूपरेखा तैयार देश की पहली नदी जोड़ो परियोजना की आधारशिला रखेंगे प्रधानमंत्री

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पन्ना. देश की पहली नदी जोड़ो केन-बेतवा लिंक परियोजना की आधारशिला प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी रखेंगे। भूमिपूजन 4 अक्टूबर को होगा। प्रशासन ने इसके लिए तैयारियां शुरू कर दी हैं। हालांकि अभी कार्यक्रम स्थल की जानकारी साझा नहीं हुई है। बुधवार को कलेक्टर हरजिंदर सिंह की अध्यक्षता में पुनर्व्यवस्थापन समिति की पहली बैठक हुई। इसमें कलेक्टर ने बताया कि जिले के आठ गांव विस्थापित किए जाने हैं। हर



विस्थापित परिवार को प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना से न्यूनतम 50 वर्गमीटर का नवनिर्मित मकान व प्रतिमाह तीन हजार रुपये जीवन निर्वहन भत्ता दिए जाने की योजना है। अमानगंज के रामपुर गांव में इसके लिए जमीन भी आवंटित कर दी गई है।



पुनर्व्यवस्थापन समिति की बैठक में तैयार हुई रूपरेखा।

एक नजर में सबकुछ

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इनको भी मिलेगा लाभ

कलेक्टर ने बताया कि जो परिवार रहवासी भूमि में शामिल नहीं हैं और प्रभावित क्षेत्र की अधिसूचना तिथि से पूर्व 3 वर्ष से निरंतर निवास कर रहे हैं उन्हें भी ऐसे क्षेत्रों से विस्थापित होने पर विस्तारित किया जाएगा। मकान न लेने पर उसके समतुल्य खर्च दिया जाएगा। अर्जित भूमि से

विस्थापन होने पर एक वर्ष तक प्रतिमाह तीन हजार रुपये भत्ता भी दिया जाएगा। पशु या छोटी दुकान प्रभावित होने पर वित्तीय सहायता 25 हजार, भवन सामग्री व घरेलू सामग्री सहित पशुओं के स्थानांतरण के लिए परिवहन खर्च 50 हजार तक दिया जाएगा।

10 गांवों की 1473 हेक्टेयर जमीन होगी अधिग्रहीत

परियोजना में जिले के आठ गांव प्रभावित होंगे। इनमें पन्ना के गहवरा, कटहरी बिलहट, मझौली, कोनी, डोंडी, अमानगंज तहसील के खमरी, कूड़न व मरहा गांव शामिल हैं। इसके अलावा ललार, रामपुरा, जरघोबा व कंडवाहा ग्रामों का विस्थापन प्रक्रियाधीन है। केन बेतवा लिंक परियोजना के मुख्य बांध डोढ़न में 10 गांवों की 1473 हेक्टेयर जमीन अधिग्रहीत की जानी है।