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Continuing turbulence over Cauvery: what stakeho

SOWMIYA ASHOK
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THE SUPREME Court will on Monday hear Tamil Nadu's petition seeking contempt action against the Centre for not setting up a Cauvery Management Board (CMB). Barely a month and a half after the court passed its order on the sharing of waters, the Cauvery will be back before judges — where it has been in some form or another since 1990.

The top court had, in its February 16 order, asked the Centre to formulate a "scheme" for dividing the river's waters among Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry. Six weeks later, however, Chief Justice Dipak Misra had verbally said that the "scheme" did not mean the CMB alone.

A day after the court's March 29 deadline for the formulation of a "scheme" passed, the Centre sought a three-month extension, citing the Assembly elections in Karnataka. AIADMK MPs have meanwhile been protesting in Parliament, demanding immediate constitution of the CMB — a stance that is at odds with the Tamil Nadu government's wait-and-watch line, giving the Centre time.

What is the scheme defined by the Supreme Court, where do the parties concerned now stand in this matter?

The Scheme

The court directed the Centre to frame a scheme within six weeks "so that the authorities under the scheme can see to it that the present decision which has modified the award passed by the Tribunal is smoothly made functional and the rights of the States as determined by us are appositely carried out". It "categorically convey(ed) that the need-based monthly release has to be respected", and that "no extension shall be granted for framing of the scheme on any ground".

CWDT Mechanism

The Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal (CWDT) referred to the mechanism as a "Cauvery Management Board" and took note of Section 6A of the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956. It recommended that the CMB be constituted on the lines of the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB). "It further recommended that as its award involved regulation of supplies from various reservoirs and other important nodal points/diversion structures, it was imperative that the mechanism, Cauvery Management Board, be entrusted with the function of supervision of the operation of reservoirs and the regulation of water releases therefrom with the assistance of the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (to be constituted by the Board)," the Supreme Court said in its order.

The Centre's plea

The Union government in its recent application seeking an extension said it had studied the composition and function of existing boards such as BBMB and the Narmada Control Authority. It added that while in the case of BBMB, "operation, maintenance, regulation and control including ownership of the structures..." is with the management board, the NCA only looks after the implementation of the Tribunal award with respect to the storage, apportionment, regulation and control of Narmada waters. The ownership, operation and maintenance of structures lie with respective states.

Noting the divergent views of states over what shape the scheme should take, the Centre said: "if any scheme is framed by the Central government on itself, States may again approach the Supreme Court."

It, therefore, sought clarifications from the court on two counts. First, whether the court is open to the central government framing the scheme in variance with the recommendations contained in the CWDT report regarding the CMB. Second, in case the CMB, as recommended by CWDT, is constituted, can the Centre modify the composition of the board to a mixture of administrative and technical body. And, if the CMB can have functions different from the ones recommended by the CWDT.

The current session of Parliament has been washed out due to protests by ADMK MPs demanding the constitution of the Cauvery Management Board. *Tashi Tobgyal*

Karnataka's stance

According to the state, the apex court has left the contents of the scheme to the discretion of the Centre. It noted that Tamil Nadu's contention that CMB, as formulated by the CWDT, should be part of the scheme is "wholly contrary" to the mandate of the judgement and the law. The state is of the opinion that the scheme referred to in the judgement is a "dispute resolution body", and is distinct from a management or regulatory body recommended by the CWDT. It also feels that the court has not endorsed or approved the CMB in its judgement.

Tamil Nadu's stance

The state is of the view that the Centre is mandated to put in place the CMB and

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Cauvery Water Regulation Committee. Therefore, through the contempt petition filed on March 30, the Tamil Nadu government attempted to bring to the court's notice the Centre's "willful disobedience" in carrying out the "clear mandate". It said in the plea: "The Central Government was duty bounds to take step to facilitating implementation of the judgment by itself deciding and taking necessary action to constitute the machinery as per the mandate...."

Kerala's stance

Kerala has suggested that the CMB should either be headed by the Cabinet Secretary or Union Secretary of water resources, and can have the four Chief Secretaries as members. The board should only ensure that the states do not overshoot the quantity of water allocated to them. In its review petition, Kerala pleaded that the court pass an order allowing the state to use the 30 TMC ft of water allocated to it according to its own needs.

Puducherry's stance

The Union Territory has been allocated 7 TMC ft of water for its Karaikal enclave, which falls in the Tamil Nadu delta region. The Congress government's proposal to file a contempt plea against the Centre was turned down by Lieutenant Governor Kiran Bedi, who said that such a move was "not appropriate and is not legally permissible".

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Temperature on rise in Capital, respite unlikely till next week

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The national capital on Tuesday sizzled at 38.6 degrees Celsius, five notches above the season's average, a rise of over two degrees in past 24 hours.

According to weather analysts, the next respite is likely towards Monday (April 9).

The minimum temperature on Tuesday was 21.4 degrees, three notches above the season's average. "Monday's minimum temperature is likely to hover around 38 degrees," an official at India Meteorological Department (IMD) said.

While IMD has predicted warmer summers this year, with April, May and June hotter by about one to two degrees, the capital has already suffered a 40 degrees Celsius in March.

"This is third time mercury has crossed 38 degrees this year," an IMD official told IANS.

On April 3, 2017 the maximum temperature was recorded at 38 degrees Celsius, while in 2016, which is also recorded as warmest year so far, the maximum temperature was 39 degrees. According to private weather analyst Skymet, a western disturbance is likely towards April 6 and 7, following which April 9 may see a drop in mercury.

"Light rain showers are likely in north-west, central and other regions of country. Delhi may thus see a drop in mercury by Monday next week," Mahesh Palawt, Skymet Director, told IANS.

The humidity on Tuesday oscillated between 31 to 59 per cent while the air quality was placed under poor category by Central Pollution Control Board. On Monday, the maximum temperature was recorded at 36.4 degrees Celsius while the minimum temperature was recorded at 21.4 degrees Celsius, both three notches above the season's average.

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Down to a trickle: Villagers collecting water from what remains of the Tel river on the outskirts of Boudh town in Odisha. The river, an important tributary of the Mahanadi, has gone dry with the advent of the summer. ▪ BISWARANJAN ROUT

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प्रदूषित पानी पर घमासान बढ़ा, किसान-प्रशासन आमने-सामने

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पाली. बांडी नदी में प्रदूषित पानी प्रवाहित होने और इसी पानी से बाड़मेर जिले के गांवों में हो रही तबाही से त्रस्त किसान मंगलवार को सिवाना विधायक हमीरसिंह भायल के नेतृत्व में मंगलवार को पाली पहुंचे। यहां अतिरिक्त संभागीय आयुक्त और अतिरिक्त जिला कलक्टर के नेतृत्व में बाड़मेर के किसान और पाली के किसानों की करीब डेढ़ घंटे तक वार्ता हुई, लेकिन कई दौर की वार्ता के बाद भी हल नहीं निकल पाया।

पिछले काफी समय से बांडी नदी से प्रदूषित पानी प्रवाहित होकर लूणी नदी के जरिये जोधपुर और बाड़मेर के गांवों की जमीनों को प्रदूषित कर रहा है। ऐसे में पिछले दिनों वहां किसानों ने धरना-प्रदर्शन किए। बाड़मेर प्रशासन ने आश्वासन दिया कि प्रदूषित पानी को रोक दिया जाएगा। उन्होंने पाली जिला प्रशासन से बात की तो प्रदूषित पानी रोकने का आश्वासन दिया गया। सोमवार रात जल संसाधन विभाग के अधिकारियों के साथ रोहट उपखंड प्रशासन नेहड़ा बांध पहुंचा और प्रदूषित पानी रोकने के लिए फाटक बंद करने की पहल की। इस पर पाली जिले के किसान आक्रोशित हो गए नेहड़ा बांध के समीप बैठ गए। सोमवार देर रात तक इस पर कोई निर्णय नहीं हो सका। मंगलवार सुबह जब बाड़मेर विधायक पहुंचे तो फिर से इस मुद्दे पर बैठक हुई। लेकिन वह भी बेनतीजा रही।

बाड़मेर के किसानों की यह मांग

बाड़मेर जिले के किसान सिवाना विधायक के साथ पाली पहुंचे तो उन्होंने प्रमुख मांग रखी कि पाली जिले से जो प्रदूषित पानी बाड़मेर के गांवों में आ रहा है उसे तुरंत रोका जाए। वरना उग्र प्रदर्शन किया जाएगा।

प्रशासन ने यह रखी पेशकश

बाड़मेर के किसानों को तुरंत राहत देने के लिए पाली जिला प्रशासन ने पेशकश की कि कुछ दिनों के लिए नेहड़ा बांध की फाटक रोक दी जाए। इससे पानी आगे नहीं जाएगा और वहां आंदोलित किसान शांत हो जाएंगे। हालांकि यह भी स्थाई समाधान नहीं है।

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कहीं पानी पर अप्रैल फूल तो नहीं बना रहा हरियाणा?

1 अप्रैल से किया था 150 क्यूसेक पानी छोड़ने का दावा

■ **प्रस, नई दिल्ली:** यमुना में हरियाणा से छोड़ा गया पानी 48 घंटे बाद भी दिल्ली नहीं पहुंच सका है। इससे डीजेबी की चिंता बढ़ गई है। डीजेबी के अनुसार, आमतौर पर पानी 24 घंटे में पहुंचना शुरू हो जाता है। लेकिन पानी पहुंचने में हो रही देरी का एक मतलब यह हो सकता है कि हरियाणा जो दावे कर रहा है, उसके मुकाबले कम पानी छोड़ रहा है। हरियाणा की ड्रेन आठ में कोई फ्लोमीटर भी नहीं लगा है। ऐसे में जब तक पानी दिल्ली नहीं पहुंचेगा, यह कहना मुश्किल है कि कितना पानी छोड़ा गया है। डीजेबी के वाइस चेयरमैन के अनुसार, 1 अप्रैल से हरियाणा दावा कर रहा है कि उसकी ओर से रोजाना 150 क्यूसेक पानी छोड़ा जा रहा है। लेकिन यह अब तक दिल्ली नहीं पहुंचा है। इस बीच दिल्ली के कई इलाकों में पानी की जबरदस्त कटौती हो रही है। कई एरिया में सुबह 9 से 11 बजे की बजाए सुबह 4 से 5 बजे ही पानी सप्लाई कर दिया जा रहा है।

कहां गया पानी

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■ **भाषा, चेन्नै :** केंद्र द्वारा कावेरी प्रबंधन बोर्ड का गठन नहीं करने के विरोध में मंगलवार को टीटीवी दिनाकरन के नेतृत्व वाली अम्मा मक्कल मुनेत्र कषगम के कार्यकर्ताओं ने यहां तिरुचिरापल्ली हवाईअड्डे पर प्रदर्शन किया। उन्होंने कावेरी प्रबंधन बोर्ड (सीएमबी) को जल्द गठित करने के लिए विपक्ष की राज्यव्यापी हड़ताल का समर्थन किया। पुलिस ने बताया कि कुछ किसानों समेत एएमएमके कार्यकर्ताओं ने प्रदर्शन करते हुए 'हवाईअड्डे को बंधक' बना लिया। प्रदर्शनकारियों को हिरासत में लिया गया। वहीं राज्यभर में सड़क और रेल ट्रैक जाम किए गए।

तमिलनाडु के सीएम ने की भूख हड़ताल : वहीं तमिलनाडु के सीएम के पलानीस्वामी भी इस मुद्दे पर पार्टी कार्यकर्ताओं के साथ एक दिन के अनशन पर बैठे। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने बोर्ड के गठन का आदेश दिया था। पलानीस्वामी के बाद उपमुख्यमंत्री और अन्नाद्रमुक के समन्वयक ओ पनीरसेल्वम भी यहां चेपौक में अनशन स्थल पर पहुंचे। अन्नाद्रमुक के इन दोनों वरिष्ठ नेताओं का वहां जाना इसलिए हैरत भरा रहा क्योंकि पार्टी ने पहले कहा था कि उन दोनों को छोड़ कर बाकी सभी नेता अनशन में शामिल होंगे।