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Cauvery row about water quality now River Water Flowing From K'taka To TN Polluted, CPCB Tells SC

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Chennai: For long, Tamil Nadu has been waging a war with Karnataka to secure its due share of Cauvery water. Now the fight, if the state goes by the report of the Central Pollution Control Board, may not just be about the quantity of water, it would also be about quality. Karnataka is polluting the river before it enters Tamil Nadu, says a report filed by the board in the Supreme Court on Friday.

The board said the Thenpennaiyar and Arkavathi, both tributaries of the Cauvery, were being polluted before they flow into Tamil Nadu. The report was submitted in the SC in connection

with a case filed by Tamil Nadu in 2015 to restrain Karnataka from letting untreated sewage into the river.

The river satisfies the drinking water needs of 1.7 crore people. About 1,200 million litres of sub-surface Cauvery water from wells along the

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banks of the river is tapped by the state government every day to provide drinking water to about 20% of the state population in 19 districts.

The water samples from the three rivers were tested jointly by the CPCB, and Karnataka and Tamil Nadu pollution control boards between September and December last year. The sam-

ples were lifted from Ajjibore (river Cauvery), Chokkarsanapalli (river Thenpennaiyar) and from the river Arkavathi near Sangama before it joins river Cauvery, for four months. "River Thenpennaiyar is polluted and comprehensive plan of action is required for restoration of its water quality. River Arkavathi and river Cauvery were found to be polluted due to higher count of faecal coliform and requires vigilance from organisation concerned in the state for prevention of further pollution," the CPCB report said.

The analysis of samples revealed that river Arkavathi, before Sangama and river Cauvery at Ajjibore met the desired water quality criteria

for the first three rounds in September, October and November with respect to presence of organic pollution measured as Biochemical Oxygen Demand. However, it exceeded limits in December. Total coliform and faecal coliform, an indicator of bacteriological pollution, exceeded the limits during September and October in river Arkavathi. Same was the case in the Cauvery in October.

CPCB also pointed out that Karnataka raised objections to monitoring river Arkavathi, even as Tamil Nadu maintained that the river was the source of pollution. Tamil Nadu will submit its remarks to the SC for action during the next hearing, scheduled after two weeks," said a TN official.

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Poor rain, dam water level dips

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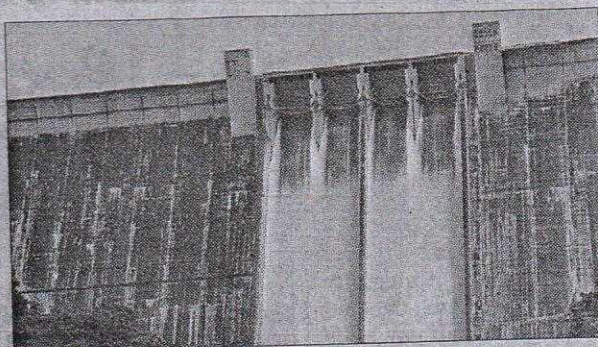
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CHANDIGARH, MARCH 12

Storage in reservoirs has slipped below the normal level for this time of the year, owing to deficient rainfall in the northern region. This can affect the availability of water in the summer.

The storage in the Bhakra reservoir that lies on the Sutlej came down to 33 per cent of its total capacity this week, which is a notch lower than the past 10 years' average storage of 34 per cent. Till the previous week, the storage was above the average.

The storage in two other reservoirs that have a vital bearing on agriculture, power generation and supply of drinking water in Punjab is also well below the past 10-year average. At Pong on the Beas, the availability is 22 per cent as compared to the past 10-year average of 29 per cent while at Thein on the Ravi, the storage is 20 per cent vis-a-vis the average of 31 per cent. While the Bhakra has an installed power generation of 1,200 megawatts, the hydel potential



The storage in the Bhakra reservoir has come down to 33 per cent of its total capacity. FILE PHOTO

of Pong and Thein is 360 and 600 megawatts, respectively. According to Central Water Commission data, the departure from normal storage is 36 per cent in Punjab and 12 per cent in Himachal Pradesh. While rainfall in the hill state of Himachal Pradesh, the source for rivers flowing through Punjab, is deficient by 49 per cent this month, the situation is much worse in Punjab and Haryana, where the deficiency is as high as 85 per cent and 97 per cent, respectively.

Moga is the only district in

Punjab where rainfall in March fell within the ambit of "normal" even though it is short by 16 per cent, according to the India Meteorological Department. Five districts — Jalandhar, Ferozepur, Bathinda, Barnala and Fatehgarh — have not received any rain this month. Three districts fall in the "low deficient" category with the shortfall ranging from 20-59 per cent, while the remaining 11 districts have been placed in the "highly deficient" category where the shortfall is between 60-99 per cent.

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Water woes: A man digs the Taliperu riverbed for water at Tegada in Bhadradi Kothagudem district of Telangana. People have to trek long distances to fetch water. • G.N. RAO

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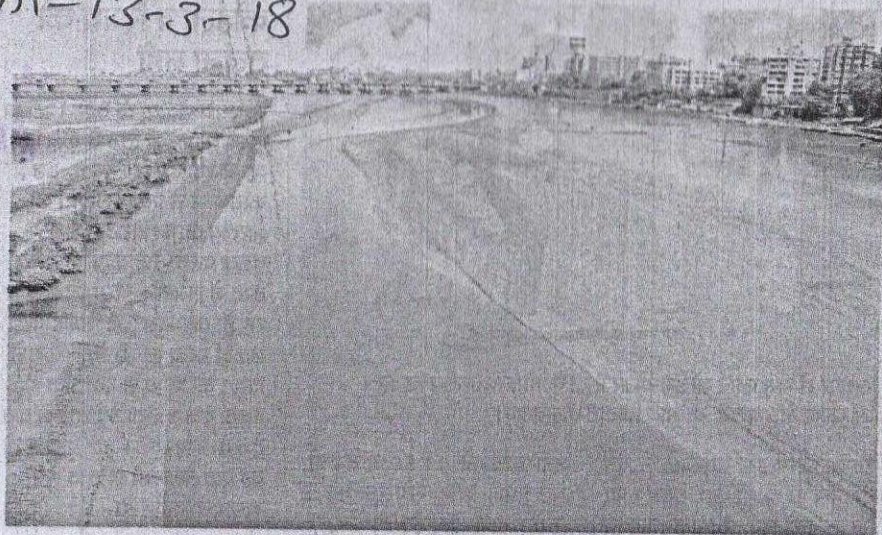
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मानसून देता है मिलन का मौका

मानसून के दौरान ही यह अवसर
आता है, जब तापी पूरे वेग से बहती है
और कोजवे पर उसे बांधे रख पाना
संभव नहीं होता। उसी दौरान तापी
बंधनमुक्त होकर समुद्र से मिलती है।

से मोक्ष को तरस रही है। मध्यप्रदेश
में बेतूल के मुलताई से निकल
सूर्यपुत्री तापी करीब 750 किमी
लंबा सफर तय कर अपने पिता की
नगरी सूरत (सूर्यपुर) पहुंचती है।
पानी की जरूरत को पूरा करने के
लिए सूरत के स्थानीय प्रशासन ने
वर्ष 1995 में करीब 15 किमी

समुद्र आता है, लेकिन मिलता नहीं

तापी तो समुद्र तक नहीं जा पाती, लेकिन अमावस और पूर्णिमा पर जब
भी भरती आती है, समुद्र की लहरें तापी की तरफ बढ़ती हैं। कोजवे पर
बंदी तापी समुद्र की लहरों से नहीं मिल नहीं पाती। पानी उतरने के बाद
तापी की सूखी रेत पर समुद्र के निशान बाकी रह जाते हैं।

महाभारत के आदिपर्व में उल्लेख

बेतूल जिले की मुलताई तहसील मुख्यालय के पास तामी तालाब से
निकलने वाली सूर्य पुत्री तामी के जन्म का प्रसंग महाभारत के आदिपर्व में
है। कहते हैं कि भगवान सूर्य ने स्वयं की गर्मी या ताप से अपनी रक्षा
करने के लिए तामी को धरती पर अवतरित किया था।

पहले सिंगणपोर में वीयर कम
कोजवे बनाकर उसके प्रवाह को
बाधित कर दिया। किताबों में भले
अभी यही पढ़ाया जा रहा हो कि

मुलताई से निकली नदी सूरत
किनारे समुद्र में गिरती है, लेकिन
हकीकत यह है कि तापी का अब
समुद्र से मिलन नहीं होता।

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₹8.5-cr irrigation funds bungled; 3 held

Another scam rocks department | Controversial contractor, former chief engineer among accused

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PATIALA, MARCH 12

A retired chief engineer and some senior officers of the Irrigation Department are in the dock for allegedly making payments for works which were never carried out to embezzle funds worth Rs 8.5 crore. The matter relates to the Kandi Canal project.

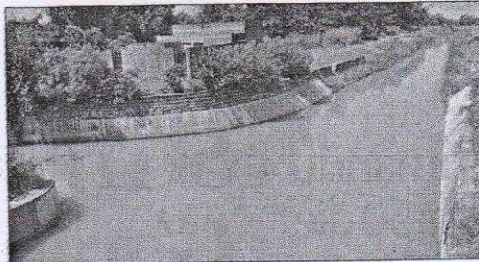
An FIR has been registered and three senior officers have been arrested. The name of controversial contractor Gurinder Singh, who is already in custody, figures in the latest scam.

A Vigilance official said: "Prima facie various discrepancies have been found in the construction of the canal, including cost escalation by

the officers concerned. The matter came to light during the interrogation of Gurinder Singh, who is believed to have benefited to the tune of Rs 50 crore."

"This is just the tip of the iceberg as the probe is still on. There are many cases where substandard material was used, while at many places payments were released even as no work was done," he said.

As per the FIR, to embezzle funds to the tune of Rs 8.5 crore, these officers passed an estimate for concrete lining of the canal in 2010-11. "To benefit the contractor and pocket funds, they sanctioned patch work inside the canal, while in reality no patch work was



ANOMALIES IN KANDI CANAL PROJECT

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- The accused later added additional works worth ₹2.5 crore. They did not mention the location where the patch work was completed and released payment to the contractor

needed," said the officer.

He said the accused later showed patch works worth Rs 2.5 crore over and above the actual work that was approved. "They did not mention the RD numbers of the 18-km stretch where the patch work was completed and released payment to the contractor," he claimed, adding that any officer who raised objection was transferred.

The project to build around 130-km canal was divided in two stages: 60 km from Talwara to Hoshiarpur and 70 km from Hoshiarpur to Balachaur. Insiders say the canal has failed to serve its purpose as most of its water goes waste forming marshes in some areas and causing seepage in houses situated close to it.

Farmers have many times alleged that poor construction has led to massive leaking of water from the canal.

Earlier in the multi-crore irrigation scam, the Vigilance booked former Chief Engineer Harvinder Singh, Superintending Engineer DS Kohli, Executive Engineer IRS Walia, SDO Gursharan Singh, junior engineers Kamikkar Deol, Kulwant Singh and Jaswinder Singh.

"These officers connived with each other to benefit Gurinder Singh. The money trail in the scam will lead to many senior officers. An in-depth probe is needed," said a senior VB officer. Gurinder Singh and retired chief engineer Harvinder Singh have already been arrested.