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TS likely to appeal award

■ States unhappy with KWDT-2 award, mull remedies

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With the Justice Brijesh Kumar Tribunal settling the pending issue on review of KWDT-2 (Krishna Waters Disputes Tribunal-2) award in its verdict of Wednesday and chances of Maharashtra and Karnataka going to Supreme Court with a fresh plea seeking vacation of the stay against notification by Central government, both TS and AP are now mulling legal remedies to prolong the litigation.

TS Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has convened a Cabinet meeting on Friday to take stock of the issue and decide how to proceed further. He has invited irrigation advisor R. Vidyasagara Rao, A-G K. Ramakrishna Reddy and additional A-G T. Ramachandra Rao along



The Almatti dam.

with inter-state water disputes wing officials and engineers-in-chief for the meeting.

According to sources AP Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu spoke to A-G D. Srinivas for arranging a meeting with legal experts on how to go about it, as the AP government feels that being the lower riparian state in Krishna river basin, it would have to suffer more.

However, both the governments feel that sooner or later both the

upper states will move the Apex Court for vacation of the stay. If they succeed in that effort and the Centre notifies the KWDT-2 award in the gazette, the impact of this development would be felt immediately as Karnataka has been permitted to raise Almatti Dam height from the existing 524 meters to 529 meters to impound 170 tmc ft more as per KWDT-2 final award.

Present capacity of Almatti Dam is about 130 tmc ft and past experie-

nce is that Karnataka does not release water from Almatti-Narayanpur Dams to projects downstream till they attain full level. "In case KWDT-2 is operationalised, we can forget about any further releases from these dams in khariff season, the inflow pattern will be adversely affected. Besides raising Almatti dam height, Karnataka is also thinking of building Upper Bhadra project upstream Tungabhadra dam to store more water citing heavy siltage," a senior official said.

According to sources, the TS government seems to have decided to file a SLP against the Brijesh Kumar Tribunal pronouncement on Section 89 application in Supreme Court. It is also mulling various options to further delay the legal process.

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Search for Saraswati: revival of Vedic past?

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The river Saraswati has flowed through the minds of Indians for many centuries, with legends talking of the mighty river rising in the Himalayas, coursing through vast stretches of upper and western India and emptying into the Arabian Sea. It flowed through uncharted territories before India, Hindustan or Pakistan were known by those names and later sank from the minds into the collective unconscious of people. But it nourishes memories just as it had perhaps nourished habitations on its banks in long-lost times. Retrieving it from myth and memory and locating it in the shifted geographies of the present has been an enterprise of faith and a part of the search for history for many. The project had preoccupied the previous NDA government, which launched an exploration programme, and the present one, which set up a research institute, a museum and a committee to discover and map the river and its lost course.

The committee has reported that the river did exist once and that it had two branches which joined near present day Patiala in Punjab to run its 4,000-km course to the sea. Some rivulets and water channels like the Ghaggar, the Sarsuti and the Hakra were part of the river system. It later dried up, lost its way in the deserts of Rajasthan and became subterranean. Rivers, cities and structures hidden in time have been found in other countries and continents, and they have

shed light on lost civilisations. The Saraswati has been mentioned in the Vedas and other ancient literature, and there is a view that the Harappan civilisation flourished on its banks as on the banks of the Indus to the west. But there are contestations, too, which trace it to Afghanistan and to Persian legends. An invisible, Saraswati also joins the Ganga and the Yamuna at the Sangam in Allahabad.

Rivers change their courses or vanish for many reasons like geological movements, geographical shifts and climate changes. It is not known why the Saraswati dried



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up or disappeared under the earth. The search for the river as an academic and historical project would help discover and understand the past better, and so the evidence to be presented by the committee will be looked forward to. However, the search for the Saraswati has given the impression that it is not all about finding the remains of a river but about the revival of a Vedic and Puranic past with all its glories. In any case, with or without the politics that runs through the project, it is doubtful whether the committee's findings will clear all the doubts and settle the controversies conclusively.

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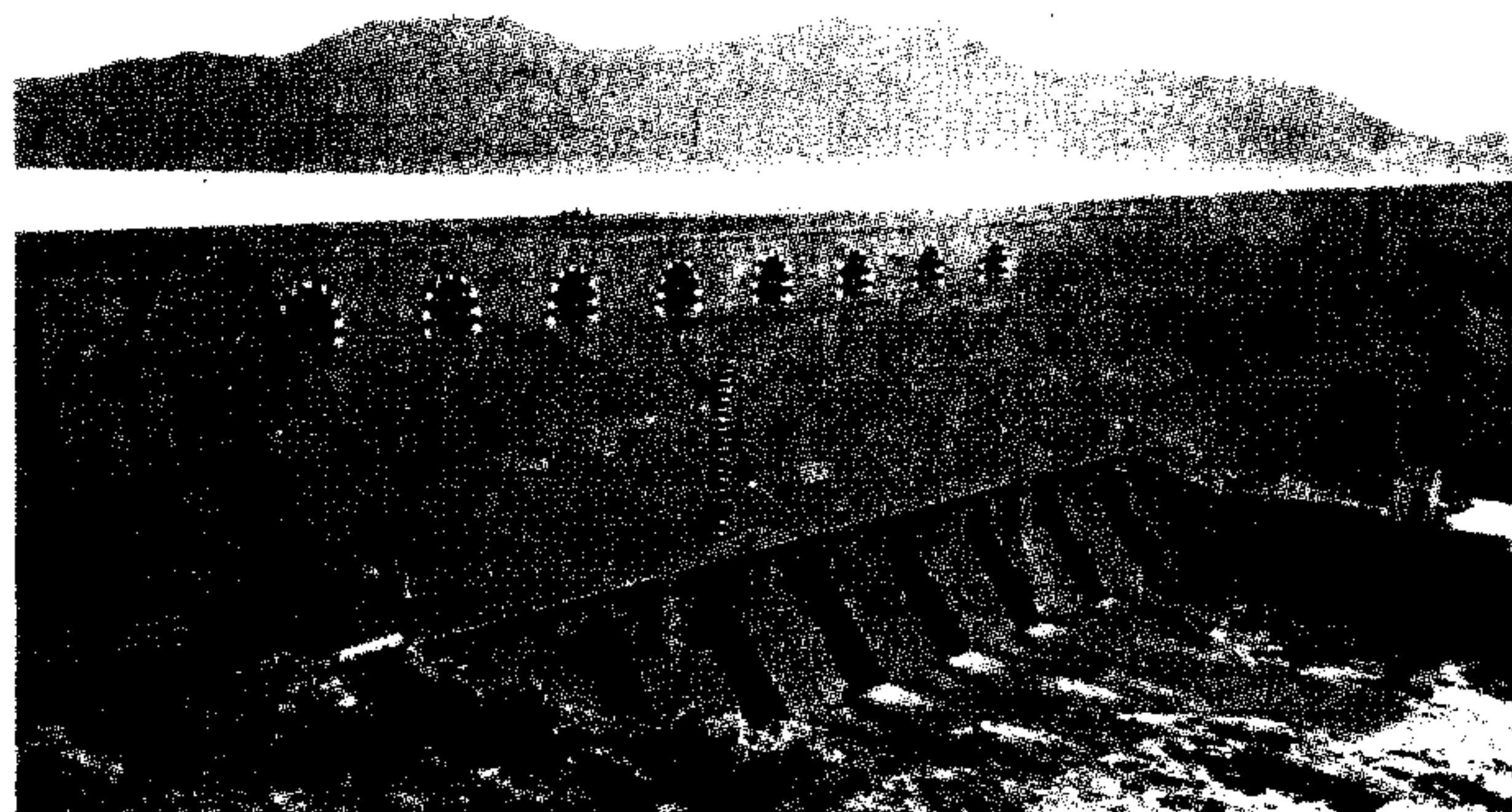
Inflow into Mettur dam reduced to a trickle

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

SALEM: For the third consecutive day, the realisation of water in the Cauvery at Mettur was below 500 cusecs.

The poor inflow into the dam is despite the Supreme Court's directive to Karnataka on October 18 to keep releasing 2,000 cusecs of water every day in the Cauvery till further orders, which the Karnataka government preferred to defy, citing poor storage in its reservoirs for meeting even the drinking water needs.

The inflow into the Mettur dam stood at 322 cusecs on Sunday morning compared to 310 cusecs it registered on Saturday and 484 cusecs on Friday. Due to steep fall in



Water level in the dam dipped to 55.93 feet against its full level of 120 feet— PHOTO: E. LAKSHMI NARAYANAN

the realisation of water in the river, the water level in the Mettur dam dipped to 55.93 feet against its full level of 120 feet.

The storage level was 21.749 tmc against the full ca-

capacity of 93.47 tmc. About 12,000 cusecs of water is being discharged from the dam for the ongoing Samba crop season in 12 delta districts, according to Public Works Department sources.

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N-E monsoon

may not set in until October 27

K. LAKSHMI

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu may miss its scheduled date with the north-east monsoon this year, as meteorologists say the weather conditions are not favourable for rain to set in until October 27.

Depression over Bay

The delay in the onset of the monsoon is attributed to a depression over east-central Bay of Bengal, which is likely to intensify into a cyclonic storm and move towards the north Myanmar coast by Sunday evening.

S. Balachandran, director, Area Cyclone Warning Centre, said the system was centred over east-central Bay of Bengal, about 350 km north-west of Port Blair.

"This is dragging the moisture current away and bringing northerly or north-westerly winds towards Tamil Nadu. It is not allowing the favourable conditions to set in.

"The system needs to change course and dissipate to allow the monsoon to arrive," he said.

It may be recalled that the monsoon arrived late twice in the last five years. However, Chennai experienced good rainfall both in 2011 and 2015.