

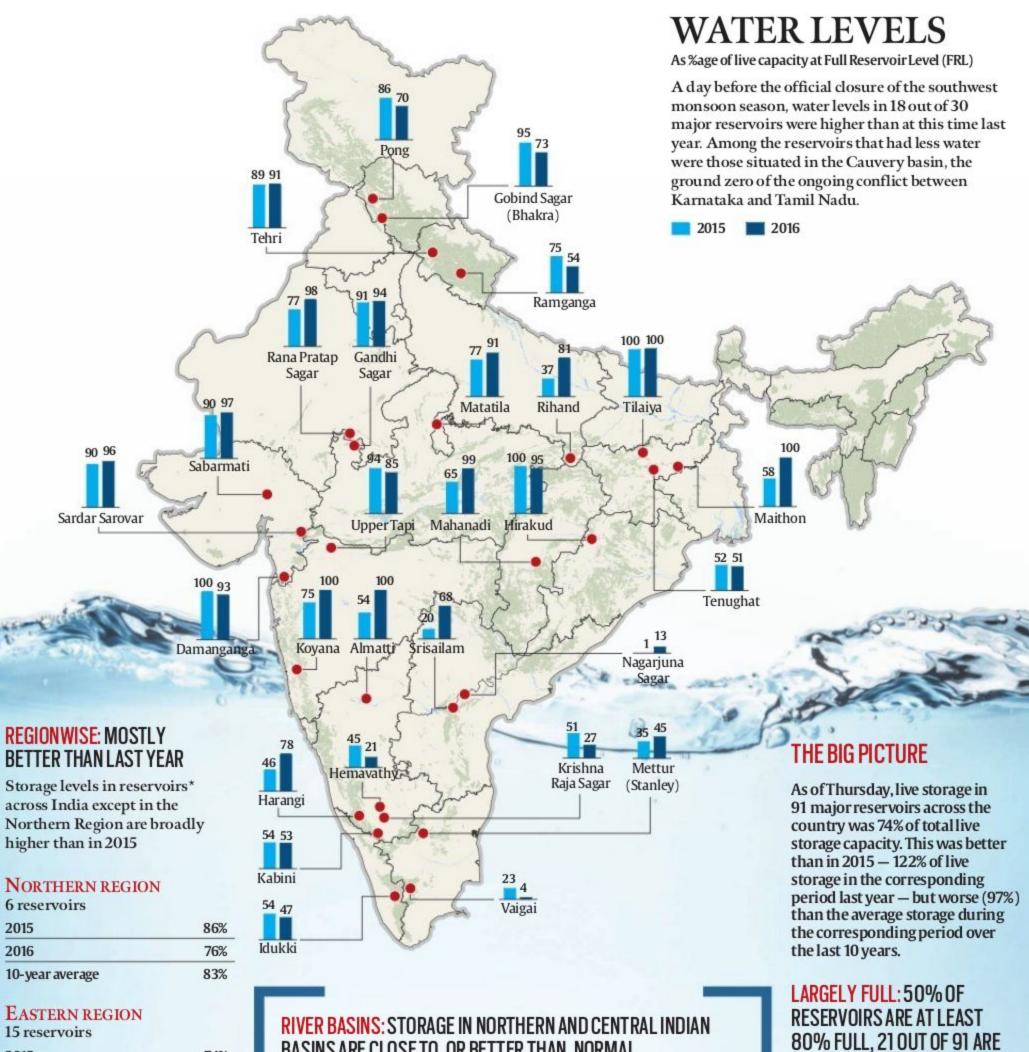
SOCIAL INTELLIGENCE

About those foreign leaders... Better question: Why are all the Hillary mouthpieces so concerned about Johnson/Weld?

GOVERNOR GARY JOHNSON, Libertarian candidate for US President, after being lampooned for failing to name even one foreign leader in an MSNBC interview. Johnson, who has 356,000 followers, had earlier asked an interviewer 'What is Aleppo?'

RAINS AND RESERVOIRS

Normal monsoon, with some erratic features



mained practically dry since the end of July. The eastern and northeastern parts of the country have been the only regions to have seen some consistency in the rainfall they received. After good rainfall in July, the region had a 15% to 20% deficiency in almost every week that followed, before it started to pour last week - like in many other parts of

month. Parts of Andhra Pradesh and

Telangana, which are under water right now,

thanks to a deluge in the last few days, had re-

the country.

Deviation from forecast

ical spread and time.

The 97% rainfall (compared to the average of 1951-2001, called Long Period Average or LPA) at the end of the season is far less than the 106% that the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast in April, and restated in July. The forecast for specific regions too was off by several percentage points (See table above right).

The good thing, however, was that there was enough rain in every region at the time when it mattered the most, ahead of the sowing season. The impact of deficient rainfall towards the latter half of August and first half of September was, therefore, not felt very strongly. Latest Agriculture Ministry data show that area sown with kharif crops this year has been 1,060.81 lakh hectares - about 8 lakh hectares more than the previous year.

"We must look at two things while assessing whether a monsoon has been good or bad. First, whether sowing of crops has been normal, and second, the situation of storage in our reservoirs. On both these fronts, we are in a very comfortable position this year. There is no crop stress, while the reservoirs, after providing for irrigation needs during the season, are still filled to about 97% of their normal levels at this time of the year." IMD Director General K J Ramesh said.

No La Niña

The 2016 Southwest monsoon season officially ends today. 2 years of drought are over, reservoirs are full, and the sown area under kharif is more than last year. But rain has been neither consistent nor uniform. AMITABH SINHA takes stock.

THE 2016 monsoon season — which officially ends on Friday – will be remembered HOW THE MONSOONFARED* as one that produced 97% of normal rainfall, and will be categorised as a "normal" monsoon year. The overall number does not, Country however, reveal how erratic the rainfall has as a whole been this season, both in terms of geograph-

Northwest India 108 Even during the best monsoons, rainfall is Central India 113 never uniform over the entire country. Some South India 113 areas get very good rain, while others are dry **East and** - just as in the worst of droughts, some Northeast India pockets receive excess rainfall. This year, the *Rainfall as percentage of Long Period same areas had alternating spells of exces-Average (average of 1951-2001) sive rainfall and extremely dry days. Madhya Pradesh faced flooding in August, for example, but has had very little rain in the last one

> The lesser-than-expected rainfall, especially the deficiencies in the second half of the season, is being attributed to the absence of the La Niña phenomenon in the equatorial Pacific Ocean that is known to help the Indian monsoon. Ahead of the start of the season, all global climate models, including that used by IMD, were predicting the development of a La Niña, which refers to the unusual cooling of sea surface temperatures in the Pacific Ocean. La Niña is a sort of opposite of the El Niño phenomenon that had ruined the Indian monsoon in the previous two years.

Forecast Actual

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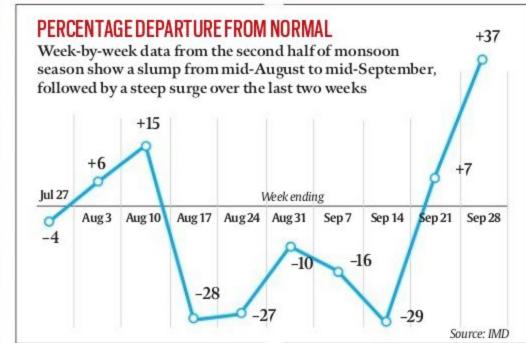
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"This year's negative temperature anomaly in the equatorial Pacific was not strong and the geographical area covered was not as high as expected. No model predicted the actual pattern of sea surface temperature that was observed. We do not know why," J Srinivasan of the Divecha Centre for Climate Change at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, said.

Late surge fills reservoirs

Heavy rainfall in most of the country over the past week has boosted reservoir levels. The 91 major reservoirs in the country currently hold a total of 117,202 billion cubic metres of water, as per Central Water Commission figures updated until Thursday. This is about 74% of their total storage capacity.

The current position is much better than last year, though slightly less than what is normally expected during this time of the year. 21 reservoirs are filled to their full capacities, including three in south India which finally received very good rainfall after being mostly dry from the middle of July. Two of the four reservoirs in the Cauvery basin, Kabini and Harangi, have also reached their near-normal levels. Karnataka and Tamil Nadu are currently engaged in a bitter fight over Cauvery waters.



EASTERN REGION 15 reservoirs BASINS ARE CLOSE TO, OR BETTER THAN, NORMAL 2015 74% Numbers: 2016 storage; Bars: departure from 10 yrs' average 86% 2016 10-year average 79% Sabarmati 87.8 96.9 WESTERN REGION 27 reservoirs 2015 62% Godavari 2016 80% 97.8 West flowing 75.2 81% 10-year average Southern +1.8 system 59.0 86.7 CENTRAL REGION 12 reservoirs Mahi Tapi 87.6 84.7 2015 77% 2016 72% 10-year average Krishna SOUTHERN REGION 59.2 31 reservoirs 2015 34% Cauvery system 2016 52% 36.9 *Storage in per cent, week Kutch rivers 10-year average 76% ending September 29 33.8 *Storage as percentage of total live storage All data from Central Water Commission, as of September 29, 2016 capacity, week ending September 29

(14%)91% to 99% -11 reservoirs (12%)81% to 90% 8 reservoirs (9%)71% to 80% *Live storage as percentage of live storage capacity, weekending September 29

21 reservoirs

13 reservoirs

(23%)

100% full

PART 10 ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

FULL TO CAPACITY

18 reservoirs

40% and below

4 reservoirs

41% to 50%

10 reservoirs

(11%)

(7%)

61% to 70%

51% to 60%

6 reservoirs -

(20%)

(4%)



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Ruckus over Polavaram in Odisha

· Special Correspondent

Blames govt for avoiding a discussion on the issue

The Odisha Assembly's monsoon ended on Thursday with the Opposition, the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party, blaming the ruling Biju Janata Dal for avoiding a discussion on the Polavaram issue over which the latter had stalled the proceedings of the House on Wednesday.

The House witnessed several adjournments even on the last day of the brief session with the legislators of the Congress and the BJP stalling the proceedings during the zero hour demanding a discussion on the Polavaram issue.

Although the BJD had on Wednesday said that they were ready for a discussion on the issue, Speaker Niranjan Pujari, however, did not allow a debate saying that a number of Bills were to be passed on the last day of the House.

Talking to mediapersons outside the House, Leader of Opposition Narasingha Mishra termed the ruling BJD legislators "escapists", while saying that the government was not ready to discuss the Polavaram issue since it was not having details of the project.

Leader of the BJP Legislature Party K.V. Singh Deo told newsmen that the BJD government was neither serious about the Mahanadi or the Polavaram. "They want to politicise the issues and divert attention of the people from the real issues of poverty, health care, education, and law and order. This is nothing but a poll ploy keeping the panchayat election in view," he added.

The monsoon session had begun on September 21, and BJD legislators had stalled the proceedings in the first two days by raising slogans against the Centre and the Chhattisgarh government over Mahanadi and Polavaram issues.

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Centre fails to break Cauvery deadlock

INCONCLUSIVE TN opposes Karnataka's proposal for expert panel to study water availability, Jaya alleges contempt of court

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NEW DELHI: All eyes will be on the Supreme Court on Friday as the Centre failed to broker peace between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu in the Cauvery river water sharing dispute.

The court had asked the Union water resources ministry on Tuesday to facilitate a meeting between representatives of the two states after Karnataka refused to release 6,000 cusecs of water to TN following the apex court's direction.

However, after chairing a three-hour meeting on Thursday, water resources minister Uma Bharti said she was "disappointed" as a "solution outside court could not be achieved". "Tamil Nadu did not agree to Karnataka's proposal that a central team of experts visits the Cauvery river basin to assess ground realities, including the quantum of water stored in reservoirs, drinking water available and crop situation, before a decision is taken to release water," Bharti said.



** Union minister for water resources Uma Bharti with Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah (extreme left) in New Delhi on Thursday.

The minister, referring to the tense situation in the two states, urged people to exercise restraint.

Bharti added that she was ready to go on an indefinite hunger strike along the border between the two states if the problem persisted.

Besides Bharti, Karnataka CM K Siddaramaiah, Tamil Nadu PWD minister Edappadi K Palaniswamy and other senior officials attended the meeting. Shashi Shekar, water resources secretary, said the Centre will put the views of the two states before the apex court, which is hearing the matter on Friday. "There could have been some give and take," Shekhar, who is also the chairman of the Cauvery Supervisory Committee, added.

Earlier, TN CM Jayalalithaa in a message said, "In utter disregard and in complete contempt of the orders of the Honourable Supreme Court, Karnataka failed to release the stipulated quantity of water to Tamil Nadu and in addition, failed to make good the shortfall."

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K'taka's defiance is against spirit of Constitution: Jaya

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Chennai, 29 September

Tearing into Karnataka for treating the Supreme Court orders on release of Cauvery water with "utter contempt", Tamil Nadu chief minister J Jayalalithaa today said such "deliberate defiance" goes against the spirit of the Constitution and amounts to "contempt" of the Court.

In her speech, read out by chief secretary P Ramamonana Rao, at the meeting of the chief ministers of two states convened by the Water Resources Ministry, she said ner state has "scrupulous y" adhered to every Apex Court order.

"By contrast, the State of Karnataka has treated the orders of the Honourable Supreme Court with utter contempt. Successive orders of the Honourable Supreme Court have been deliberately and systematically defied," by the neighbour-



ing state, she said.

Jayalalithaa, recuperating at a corporate hospital here, said she could not attend the meeting as she was hospitalised. She said she participated in the discussions "with the hope Tamil Nadu would get its legitimate share in Cauvery water".

The chief minister said that as of August 31, 2016, Tamil Nadu had a shortfall of 60.983 tmc ft of water as per the final order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal.

It was in this context of such a "huge shortfall" and

with the intention of saving at least a single samba crop in the Cauvery delta that her state was "forced" to approach the Supreme Court for interim directions, she said.

She recalled the Apex Court directions to Karnataka to initially release 15,000 cusecs and later modify it to 12,000 cusecs per day up to September 20, totalling 17.366 tmc ft.

"But "Karnataka failed to release the requisite quantity of water," she said.

The Apex Court had later modified the quantum of water to be released to 6,000 cusecs, she said.

"In utter disregard and in complete contempt of the orders of the Honourable Supreme Court, Karnataka failed to release the stipulated quantity of water to Tamil Nadu and in addition, failed to make good the shortfall," as per its earlier orders, she said.

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No breakthrough in Cauvery impasse

At meet convened by Centre, TN refuses to accept K'taka plea to assess water availability

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

A meeting convened by the Centre to iron out differences between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka on sharing Cauvery water failed to achieve any breakthrough today.

At the meeting convened by Union Water Resources Minister Uma Bharti, Tamil Nadu refused to accept Karnataka's proposal that an expert committee be sent to the river basin to assess water availability.

"There was a request from the Karnataka Government to our ministry to form an expert committee to take a view over the availability of water in the Cauvery basin. Karnataka CM



Union Minister Uma Bharti with Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah (L) and Tamil Nadu PWD Minister Edappadi K Palanisamy in New Delhi. PTI

(Siddaramaiah) pressed for it. Tamil Nadu did not give its ti said. She said solution could not be achieved outside the court. 'Now things are again

before the SC," said Bharti, who chaired the meeting.

consent to the proposal," Bhar- Besides Bharti and Siddaramaiah, Tamil Nadu PWD Minister Edappadi K Palaniswamy, chief secre-

taries of the two states, Union Water Resources Secretary Shashi Shekhar and officials from Central Water Commission attended the nearly three-hour meeting.

Bharti said the ministry noted views expressed by the two states during the meeting, convened after a Supreme Court order on Tuesday, and the same would be submitted to the apex court when it heard the case tomorrow.

Referring to the tense situation in the two states, especially in Bengaluru, Mysore and Mandya — the hotbed of Cauverypolitics—she urged people to take care of each other.—PTI

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Govt. seeks time for panel on disasters

Court had directed State on September 7 to constitute body within 15 days

CHENNAL: The State government on Wednesday sought two months time to constitute an advisory committee under the Disaster Management Act as per the directions of the Madras High Court.

The First Bench of Chief Justice S.K. Kaul and Justice R. Mahadevan on September 7 directed the government to constitute the advisory committee, which would provide suggestions on flood management, within 15 days.

The Bench passed the interim direction on a batch of PIL petitions that sought to



SEEKING ACTION: The High Court passed interim direction on a batch of petitions related to last year's floods in Chennai.

find out the reasons for last year's floods and to remove encroachment on waterbodies across the city.

When the pleas came up for hearing on Wednesday, В. Chandramohan,

Secretary to the Revenue Department, submitted an affidavit stating that in the process of complying with the directions of the High Court, various government departments have been re-

quested to nominate suitable experts who have expertise in the field of disaster management and having first-hand experience in handling disasters.

"Academic/ research institutions have also been requested to suggest experts for the committee. After receiving nominations, the government will take a decision to constitute the committee as early as possible. As this process involves various agencies and field of expertise, it will take some time to decide," the officer said.



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TN to receive heavy rain

Heavy rain is expected to lash Tamil Nadu in the next two days due to the formation of an upper air trough over the Bay of Bengal, even as weathermen predict an early and normal Northeast monsoon, DHNS reports from Chennai.

Met officials on Wednesday said that an upper air trough was seen from north coastal Andhra Pradesh to south Tamil Nadu across coastal Andhra, extending up to 0.6 km above the mean sea level.

"Under this influence, heavy rain is likely to occur at one or two places over north interior Tamil Nadu in the next 48 hours," a senior Met official told *DH*.

He said the fishermen of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry have been warned about strong winds from the southwesterly direction, with speeds occasionally reaching 45-55 kmph along and off these coasts.

The Met official also said the 2016 Northeast monsoon season rainfall over Tamil Nadu is most likely to be normal (90-100%).

The coastal districts of Tamil Nadu get nearly 60% of the annual rainfall and the interior districts get about 40-50% during the Northeast monsoon.



Schoolchildren get ready to go home during rain in Sakleshpur, Hassan district, on Wednesday. DH PHOTO

Moderat rains in state

BENGALURU, DHNS: Rains continued to lash several parts of the state on Wednesday.

Haliyal of Uttara Lannada district.

Kodagu district received moderate rainfall. Rains were reported in Madikeri, K pur received heavy rains. Nidugani, Abbey Falls, Mandalpatti and surrounding areas.

The water-level in Harangi reservoi" stood at 2,851.45 feet. Though Dakshina Kannada district did not receive rainfall, the sky remained overcast.

Moderate rains lashed some parts of Shivamogga district. Thirthahalli, Shivamogga and Bhadravathi received good orted from spell of rains for a short peri-Siddapur, Mindgod and od. The water level in Linganamakki dam rose to 1,796.60 feet against the maximum level of 1,819 feet.

Belur, Halebid and Saklesh-

The weekly fair in Halebid was affected as rain lashed for more than an hour, washing away vegetables of a few vendors and turning the venue into a slush field.

Mysuru city and surrounding areas witnessed drizzling for some time.

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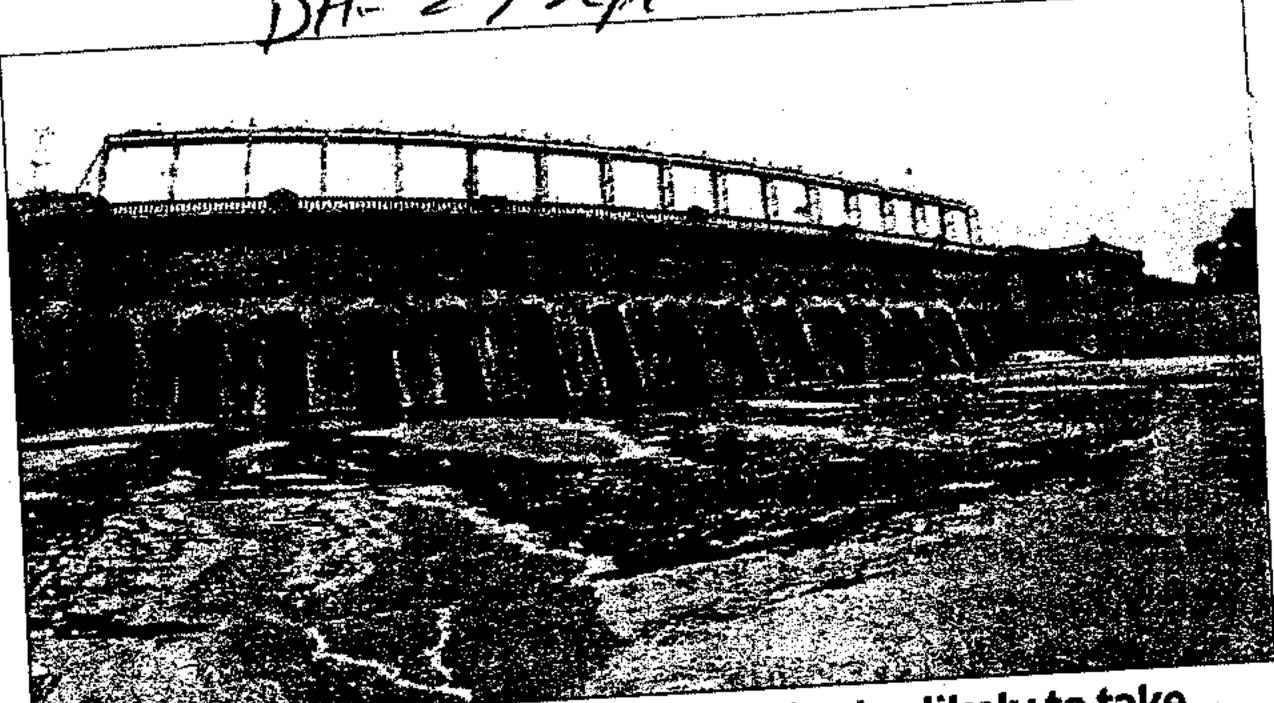
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Centre to decide on sending expert team to basin states

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Centre is likely to take a call on sending an expert team to study the ground reality in the Cauvery basin states when Union Water Resources Minister Uma Bharti chairs a meeting of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu representatives on Thursday here as directed by the Supreme Court.

A decision is also likely to be taken for installing an inflow measurement system in all the Cauvery basin reservoirs, a source told *DH*.

Karnataka will be represented by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Water Resources Minister M B Patil and Chief Secretary Arvind Jadhav. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa has nominated Public Works Minister Edappadi S Palanisamy to attend the meeting. Jayalalithaa, is undergoing treatment for fever and dehy-



The meeting convened by the Centre is also likely to take a decision on installing an inflow measurement system in all the Cauvery basin reservoirs. DH FILE PHOTO

dration at a Chennai hospital.

In the meeting, Water Resources Secretary Shashi Shekhar and officials from the Central Water Commission will make presentation about the current storage of water and requirement of water for both drinking purposes as well as irrigation in Cauvery basin states.

A day ahead of the meeting,
Union Ministers from Karnataka, Ananth Kumar, D V
Sadananda Gowda, Ramesh Jigajinagi and BJP state president B S Yeddyurappa met
Uma Bharti and requested her
to send an expert committee
to all Cauvery basin states and
take a decision on the issue.

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Centre approves ₹1,269 crore drought package for Maha

Mumbai: The Union government on Wednesday approved a central assistance of Rs 1,269 crore for drought-hit Maharashtra against a demand of Rs 3,200 crore. The state government had sought Rs 2,000 crore as supplementary relief aid for losses in the kharif season and Rs 1,200 crore for relief of farmers who suffered losses during the rabi season last year.

The demand was raised under the National Disaster Relief Fund, but Union home minister

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Rajnath Singh approved Rs 589.47 crore as supplementary assistance for damage to kharif crop and Rs 679.54 crore for damage to rabi crop.

The funds have been released on the basis of a report submitted by a central team, who had visited the drought-affected areas in May. The state sought the second package in May after 13,853 villages were added to the drought-affected list, taking the total to 29,610. In December 2015, the Centre had released Rs 3,050

crore grant after over 15,778 villages were declared drought affected. Then, the state had sought Rs 4,002 crore in central assistance.

"In our report, we try to show the exact situation, but there are restrictions of fund as the Centre has to cater to many states. We have got a sizable amount from the Centre, the rest will be given by the state from its own coffers," said a senior official from the relief and rehabilitation department. TNN

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Heavy rains likely in AP in three days

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The heavy rains, which pounded the state over a week, took a break on Wednesday following weakening of the low pressure. They are likely to make a comeback to some parts of AP in another three days, with the supposed formation of a few weather systems. The prevailing low pressure over Vidarbha and adjoining south Chhattisgarh has weakened into an upper air cyclonic circulation and is now located over Chhattisgarh and Odisha.

Meanwhile, a trough of low pressure is lying over southeast and adjoining east-central Bay of Bengal. Heavy rain warning still

exists for north coastal AP.



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NO BREAKTHROUGH FOR CAUVERY IMPASSE YET

UMA BHARTI PLANS TO SIT ON HUNGER STRIKE

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New Delhi, 29 September

Unable to break the dead-lock between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka governments on the Cauvery water dispute, Union Minister for Water Resources Uma Bharti today said she was prepared to sit on hunger strike "if required... to maintain peace in both the states".

Chairing a high-level meeting to address the dispute, Ms
Bharti appealed to both the state governments to resolve the issue amicably through an out-of-court settlement. She asked the state governments to maintain peace and a cordial atmosphere.

Addressing media after holding the four-hour-long meeting with Karnataka Chief



Union Water Resources minister Uma Bharti with Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah and Tamil Nadu PWD minister Edappadi K Palaniswamy during a meeting on Cauvery river issue in the Capital on Thursday. ∗Sns

Minister Siddaramaiah and PWD Minister of Tamil Nadu E K Palaniswamy, Ms Bharti said the Supreme Courthas given "all the three of us (Centre, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu) an opportunity to discuss, facilitate and resolve the current Cauvery water impasse in a cordial atmosphere.

"Thope that both the states will show empathy to each other's need for arriving at a mu-

tually acceptable solution," she said. The meeting was called on the advice of the Attorney General who said "it would be appropriate that the Union Water Resources Minister call for a meeting of both the states".

Ms Bharti said the meeting was held in a very cordial atmosphere and there was a suggestion from Karnataka to send a team of experts from the Centre to both the states

to study rainfall and water availability in Cauvery basin. The move was objected to 1by the Tamil Nadu government, which said "no compromise could be reached on the issue". Finally seeing no amicable solution on the issue, she said, "I have noted the views expressed by both the States, which will be conveyed to the Hon'ble Supreme Court through the Attorney General of India".

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सतना. विंध्य रिकार्डतोड़ बारिश से बेहाल है। सिंगरौली में रेलवे ट्रैक बहने के साथ ही कोल माइंस का हजारों टन मलबा बस्तियों तक पहुंच गया। जिससे कई मकान जमीदोंज हो गए। तो रीवा जिला इस सीजन की तीसरी बाढ़ से जूझ रहा है। नौबस्ता के समीप बाणसागर की नहर के टूट जाने से कई गांव बाढ़ से घर गए। तो कई स्थानों में पुल-



पुलियों के डूबने व सड़कों के बह जाने के कारण आवागमन बुरी तरह प्रभावित हुआ है। अब तक सामान्य से 180 फीसदी तक बारिश इस

इलाके में हो चुकी है। सौ सालों से भी अधिक समय के ज्ञात इतिहास में विंध्य के लिए यह पहला मौका है जब सितंबर के

आखिरी दिनों में बाढ़ का कहर टूटा है। आमतौर पर यह समय बारिश के उतार का समय माना जाता है। लेकिन दो साल से सूखे से जूझते इस रीजन को इस बार बारिश ने ऐसा भिगोया की आवाम त्राहि-त्राहि कर उठी। सबसे अधिक नुकसान सिंगरौली जिले में हुआ है। दो दिन पहले एनसीएल के कोल माइंस एरिया की पुलिया और सड़क बह गई थी। नो गुरुवार को दुधचुआं परियोजना क्षेत्र का रेलवे ट्रैक ही बह गया।

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