

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1901

ANSWERED ON 14.12.2023

WATER RELEASE TO TAMIL NADU

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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Karnataka is blatantly violating the Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal (CWDT) Award by not releasing Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of water as stipulated by the Tribunal and released by Karnataka, during the last three years and the current year, month-wise;
- (c) whether Cauvery Water Management Authority also reiterated release of water as stipulated by CWDT award;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the concrete efforts made by the Union Government in getting the CWDTA order implemented since the farmers in Tamil Nadu Cauvery Delta are suffering?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (e) In exercise of the powers conferred by section 6A of ISRWD Act 1956, the Central Government notified the Cauvery Water Management Scheme, inter alia, constituting the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) and Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) to give effect to the decision of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal as modified by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 16th February, 2018. As per the Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 16.02.2018, the State of Karnataka would be required to release 177.25 thousand million cubic feet (TMC) of water at the inter-state contact point with Tamil Nadu, i.e., at Biligundulu in a normal year. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in this order had also made clear that in case the yield was less in a distress year, the allocated shares would be proportionately reduced amongst the States involved by the Regulatory Authority.

During the current water year 2023-24 (starting from 01.06.2023), the Govt. of Tamil Nadu raised the issue of less realization of Cauvery water at Biligundulu. The matter of quantum of flows to be realized at Biligundulu as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 16.02.2018 has been reviewed in the various meetings of CWMA and CWRC and directions were given to the member State of Karnataka with regard to the realization of stipulated quantity at Biligundulu after taking into account the prevailing hydro-meteorological conditions in the Cauvery basin. So far, seven meetings of CWMA and eleven meetings of CWRC have been held to resolve the issues regarding distribution of the Cauvery Water, as per the final award of the CWDT, as modified by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Details of year-wise and month-wise stipulated flow at Biligundulu site in a Normal Year and the actual flows realized at Biligundulu during the last 3 Water Years (2020-23) and the current Water Year (2023-24) are given at **Annexure-1**.

The Government of Karnataka vide letter dated 21.11.2023 has informed Chairman, CWMA that the State of Karnataka has complied with all the decisions taken in the CWMA meetings regarding the agreed realization of stipulated quantity at Biligundulu.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1901 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.12.2023 REGARDING “WATER RELEASE TO TAMIL NADU”.

Details of Year-wise and month-wise stipulated flow at Biligundulu site in a Normal Year and the actual flows realized at Biligundulu during the last 3 Water Years (2020-23) and the current Water Year (2023-24).

Month	Stipulated flows at Biligundulu site in a Normal Year (TMC)	Actual flows realized at Biligundulu 2020-2021 (TMC)	Actual flows realized at Biligundulu 2021-2022 (TMC)	Actual flows realized at Biligundulu 2022-23 (TMC)	Actual flows realized at Biligundulu 2023-24 (TMC)
June	9.19	6.204	7.697	16.458	2.833
July	31.24	11.346	27.988	106.926	8.747
August	45.95	57.477	22.641	223.557	19.995
September	36.76	45.184	33.137	105.512	13.585
October	20.22	39.703	48.274	120.764	12.844
November	13.78	23.156	71.561	40.643	10.658
December	7.35	12.146	26.181	25.972	-
January	2.76	5.673	6.433	7.375	-
February	2.5	2.038	3.112	4.512	-
March	2.5	1.523	5.215	4.305	-
April	2.5	2.881	5.864	2.992	-
May	2.5	3.984	22.958	8.467	-
