

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:421
ANSWERED ON:10.11.2010
RELEASE OF WATER FROM CAUVERY RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Karnataka has released water to Tamil Nadu as per the award on sharing of water from Cauvery;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Union Government has asked the Government of Karnataka to release water to Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government of Karnataka thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) to (e): The cumulative inflow as measured by Public Work Department (PWD) Tamilnadu at Mettur reservoir with effect from 01-06-2010 to 31-10-2010 is 86.13 Thousand Million Cubic feet (TMC) against the cumulative inflow of 167.170 TMC stipulated as per the interim order of Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal dated 25-06-1991.

During 25th meeting of Monitoring Committee (MC) of Cauvery River Authority (CRA) held on 24-08-2010, Secretary (WR) and Chairman, MC appealed to the State of Karnataka to take steps to make good the shortfall at Mettur reservoir and also take such steps to assure that State of Tamil Nadu gets continued supply of inflows at Mettur reservoir of Tamil Nadu to start their paddy crop. Chief Secretary, Karnataka stated that unlike Tamil Nadu, the State of Karnataka does not have the benefit of North-East Monsoon. With regard to quantum of water to be released and its schedule, he stated that he will have to seek orders from his Government.

Union Minister of Water Resources vide letter dated 06-10-2010 also requested Chief Minister of Karnataka to ensure sufficient releases of water from Karnataka reservoirs to make good atleast a part of the deficit in the inflows received at the Mettur.

The Chief Minister of Karnataka vide letter dated 20-10-2010 has stated as follows "This water year is undoubtedly a year of distress caused by failure of south-west monsoon in the upper reaches of Cauvery basin. The inflows into Karnataka's reservoirs have been less by 30% as on 17-10-2010. In this distress situation, Karnataka has ensured about 80 TMC at Biligundlu upto 17th October, 2010. With the intermediate catchment flows (between Karnataka's reservoirs and inter State border at Biligundlu) picking up coupled with the storages available in both the States, the flows at the inter-State border Biligundlu are expected to improve soon. The Government of Karnataka hopes and trusts that the needs of the farmers of both the States can be equitably adjusted to protect their standing crops and drinking water needs, etc., in this water year. The Government of Karnataka looks at CRA for guidance in this difficult situation".