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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has sought the comments of Cauvery basin States on the inability of Karnataka to release 9000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Karnataka had made it categorically clear that they will not release more than 4000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Cauvery Monitoring Committee (CMC) had asked the Government of Karnataka to release a further 4.81 mcf of river water to Tamil Nadu on 15 November, 2012 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there was a shortfall of 52 tmcft between June and September this year and if so, the steps taken by the CMC in this regard; and

(e) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government for an amicable and acceptable solution to share Cauvery water by both the States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) No Madam.

(b) During the 7th meeting of Cauvery River Authority (CRA) held on 19.9.2012 Chief Minister of Karnataka, while concluding his opening remarks, stated that Karnataka cannot afford any further releases though the obligation to release 10,000 cusecs per day upto 20.09.2012 will be adhered to.

(c) Cauvery Monitoring Committee (CMC) at its 30th meeting held on 15.11.2012 decided that Tamil Nadu should receive 4.81 TMC of Water for a period from 16th November to 30th November, 2012. The decision of CMC has been complied with.

(d) As per Interim Order of Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT), Tamil Nadu should receive 137 TMC of water from June to September. As per the discharge observation at Billigundulu G&D Site of CWC, 39.37 TMC of water has been received by Tamil Nadu from June to September 2012. As per the normal inflows into four Karnataka reservoirs of Cauvery basin, the expected inflows from June to September is 257.34 TMC whereas corresponding actual inflow is 151.39 TMC.

(e) Cauvery River Authority (CRA) at its meeting held on 19th September, 2012 had directed State of Karnataka to release 9000 cusecs of water daily from 20th September to 15th October 2012 at Billigundulu. Cauvery Monitoring Committee (CMC) met three times on 11.10.2012, 31.10.2012 & 15.11.2012 under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR), Govt. of India during current water year. The flows reaching Tamilnadu have been monitored on daily basis since September 20, 2012.