

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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WATER DISPUTES

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the Tribunals set up by the Government to resolve the water disputes among the States;
- (b) the details of Tribunals which have given their awards and the same have been challenged before the Supreme Court and as a result Tribunal awards could not be implemented;
- (c) the total expenditure incurred by the Government on these tribunals during the last five years; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to set up single forum for all the inter State water disputes and to provide quasi judicial status to such body?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) So far, there are 8 no.of inter-State river water disputes tribunal set up under Inter State River Water Disputes (ISRWD) Act, 1956. Their details are as follows:

S.No	Name of Tribunal	States concerned	Present Status
1.	Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal	Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh & Orissa	Award given on July, 1980
2	Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal -I	Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka,	Award given on May, 1976
3	Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal	Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra	Award given on December, 1979
4.	Ravi & Beas Water Disputes Tribunal	Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan	Report under section 5(2) given in April, 1987. A Presidential Reference relating to the matter is before Supreme Court and the matter is sub-judice. Further report under Section 5(3) pending.
5.	Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal	Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Puduchery	Report under section 5(2) given on 5.2.2007. Special Leave Petition (SLP) filed by party States in Hon'ble Supreme Court pending and the matter is sub-judice. Further report under Section 5(3) pending.
6.	Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal -II	Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra	Report under section 5(2) given on 30.12. 2010. Further report under Section 5(3) to be given.

7. Mahadayi Water Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra Report under section 5(2) to be given
Disputes Tribunal

8. Vansadhara Water Andhra Pradesh & Orissa Report under section 5(2) to be given
Disputes Tribunal

(c) The name of the present inter-State water disputes under Inter State River Water Disputes (ISRWD) Act, 1956 and expenditure incurred by them during the last five years is given below:

(Rupees in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Tribunal	Financial year				
		2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
1	Ravi & Beas Water Tribunal	62.95	82.66	117.27	83.45	38.25
2	Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal	119.10	141.15	215.41	223.84	185.80
3.	Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal- II	109.00	144.70	178.44	166.77	167.00
4.	Vansadhara Water Disputes Tribunal	-	-	-	59.04	168.27
5.	Mahadayi Water Disputes Tribunal	-	-	-	8.45	77.25

(d) The proposal for setting up a standing tribunal for all Inter State River Water Disputes is at conceptual stage at present.