

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4413  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the dispute over the release of Cauvery river water to Tamil Nadu still persists and the Government of Karnataka has refused to release adequate water to Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Hon`ble Supreme Court has recently directed both the State Chief Ministers to hold discussion and find an amicable solution to the issue; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the State Governments and the outcome of the meeting thereon and the role of the Union Government in ensuring adequate river water to Tamil Nadu so as to save the standing crops?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES ( SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) Tamil Nadu has claimed that the Karnataka is not releasing water in accordance with the Interim Award of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal. The Government of Karnataka, as per decision of Cauvery River Authority (CRA) on 19th September, 2012 and thereafter as per direction given by Cauvery Monitoring Committee (CMC) in its meetings dated 11.10.2012, 31.10.2012, 15.11.2012 and 7.12.2012 is making available water to Tamil Nadu as decided in the above meetings.

(c) & (d) The Hon`ble Supreme Court in its Order dated 26th November, 2012 in OS No. 3 of 2002 observed as under:  
"Meanwhile, we would request learned senior counsel appearing for both the States to have instructions if the Chief Ministers of both the States could meet and have a meaningful dialogue to find out an amicable solution to the subject issues, keeping in mind the larger interest of the farmers from both the States".

Pursuant to above direction of Supreme Court, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka held discussion on 29.11.2012 at Bangalore. However, as per the information given by Government of Tamil Nadu, no amicable solution could be reached at the said meeting. The CRA and CMC is ensuring release of water to Tamil Nadu for its standing crops.