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Text of the D.O.letter dated 6.12.2018 of Thiru **Edappadi K.Palaniswami**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu addressed to **Shri Narendra Modi**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

Due to the untiring efforts of our Revered Leader Puratchi Thalaivi Amma and due to the intervention of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal dated 5.2.2007 was published in the Gazette of India on 19.2.2013. The Hon'ble Supreme Court on 16.2.2018 delivered the judgment on the Civil Appeals filed by the Party States upholding the decisions of the Tribunal with slight modifications.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 18.5.2018, the Government of India notified the Cauvery Management Scheme, 2018 in the Gazette of India on 1.6.2018 to give effect to the decision of the Tribunal as modified by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgment has affirmed that the "upper riparian State shall not take any action so as to affect the scheduled deliveries of water to the lower riparian States."

However, the Government of Karnataka much to the consternation of the people of Tamil Nadu has planned to construct a reservoir, with a capacity of 67 TMC ft. at Mekedatu across Cauvery River and approached the Central Water Commission for preparation of a Detailed Project Report for the Mekedatu project. I am constrained to point out that the Central Water Commission has given permission to the Government of Karnataka to go ahead with the preparation of a Detailed Project Report in blatant violation of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

I have already detailed these facts in my letter dated 27.11.2018 to you and requested you to instruct the Central Water Commission to forthwith withdraw the permission given by it to Karnataka.

The action of Karnataka in proposing a reservoir and that of Central Water Commission in giving permission for preparation of a Detailed Project Report have caused deep anguish and apprehension in Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu will be denied its due share of water, which has been given to us by the Supreme Court after a protracted legal battle.

Therefore, the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly has resolved on 6.12.2018 condemning and opposing the action of the Government of Karnataka, and the Central Water Commission for having given permission to Karnataka on 22.11.2018 to prepare a Detailed Project Report for construction of a reservoir at Mekedatu. Further, the Legislative Assembly

has urged that the Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India should immediately order the Central Water Commission to withdraw the permission given to Karnataka for preparing the Detailed Project Report. In addition, the Legislative Assembly has also requested the Government of India to direct the Government of Karnataka or its Agencies not to take up any construction work at Mekedatu or at any other place in the Cauvery basin of Karnataka State, without the consent of the State of Tamil Nadu, in violation of the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

I enclose a copy of the Resolution and its translated version in English and request you to kindly take action on the Resolution immediately.

May I also request you to immediately direct the Ministry of Water Resources to withdraw the permission given by Central Water Commission to the Government of Karnataka for preparation of the Detailed Project Report for Mekedatu project and also direct the Government of Karnataka not to take up any construction activities in the Cauvery basin of Karnataka without the prior consent of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

<u>தீா்மானம்</u>

பரட்சித் "மாண்புமிகு அம்மா அவாகளின் ക്തരാബി வழிகாட்டுதலின்படி, இம்மாமன்றத்தில் 5.12.2014, 27.3.2015 ஆகிய நாட்களில் காநாடக அரசு மேகதாதுவில் புதிய அணை கட்டக்கூடாது என ஒருமனதாக நிறைவேற்றப்பட்ட தீர்மானங்களை கருத்தில் கொள்ளாமலும், உச்ச நீதிமன்றத் தீா்ப்பில் குறிப்பிட்டுள்ளவாறு கீழ்படுகை மாநிலங்களின் முன்அனுமதி பெறாமல், கா்நாடக அரசு எந்த ஒரு திட்டத்தையும் செயல்படுத்தக் கூடாது என்பதையும் மீறி, தற்பொழுது காநாடக அரசு மேகதாது அணை கட்டுவதற்கான ஆரம்பக் கட்டப் பணிகளை துவக்க உள்ளதற்கும், மேகதாதுவில் புதியதாக அணை கட்ட விரிவான திட்ட அறிக்கை தயாரிப்பதற்கு மத்திய நீர்வளக் குழுமம் 22.11.2018 அன்று அனுமதி வழங்கியதற்கும் இம்மாமன்றம் கடும் கண்டனத்தையும், எதிா்ப்பையும் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறது.

மத்திய நீா்வளக் குழுமம் வழங்கிய அனுமதியை திரும்பப்பெற அக்குழுமத்திற்கு மத்திய நீா்வள ஆதார அமைச்சகம் உடனடியாக உத்தரவிட வேண்டும் என்றும் இம்மாமன்றம் வலியுறுத்திக் கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறது.

காவேரி நடுவர் மன்ற இறுதி ஆணை மற்றும் உச்ச நீதிமன்றத் தீர்ப்பு ஆகியவற்றை மீறும் வகையில், கர்நாடக அரசோ அல்லது அதன் கீழ் இயங்கும் நிறுவனங்களோ, கர்நாடகாவில் உள்ள காவேரி படுகையில், மேகதாது அல்லது வேறு எந்தவொரு இடத்திலும் தமிழ்நாட்டின் இசைவின்றி எவ்வித கட்டுமானப் பணிகளை மேற்கொள்ளக் கூடாது என்று கர்நாடகா அரசுக்கு மத்திய அரசு உத்தரவிட வேண்டும் என இம்மாமன்றம் கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறது."

GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION

"Under the guidance of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, this August House on 5.12.2014 and 27.3.2015, had resolved unanimously that the Government of Karnataka should not construct a new dam at Mekedatu. Despite the Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgment, that the upper riparian states should not implement any projects without the consent of the lower riparian States, as well as the Resolutions passed by this August House, the Government of Karnataka has proposed to commence preliminary works to construct a dam at Mekedatu. This August House strongly condemns and opposes this action of the Government of Karnataka, and the Central Water Commission for having given permission to Karnataka on 22.11.2018 to prepare a Detailed Project Report.

This August House urges the Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India to immediately order the Central Water Commission to withdraw the permission given to Karnataka for preparing the Detailed Project Report.

This August House requests the Government of India to direct the Government of Karnataka not to take up any construction works by it or through its agencies at Makedatu or at any other place in the Cauvery basin of Karnataka State, without the consent of the State of Tamil Nadu, and in violation of the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court."

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