

PRESS RELEASE

Text of the D.O.Letter dated 7.1.2017 of Thiru O.Panneerselvam, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu addressed to Shri Nara Chandra Babu Naidu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh :-

"I write seeking your urgent personal intervention for the release of Krishna Water to meet the drinking water supply to Chennai City which is facing an acute shortage in the reservoirs.

As you are aware, as per the Inter-State Agreement dated 18.4.1983, signed between the Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, an annual quantum of 12 TMC ft. (excluding evaporation loss) shall be realised at the Tamil Nadu border, by release of water from Kandaleru Reservoir to meet the drinking water needs of Chennai City, in two spells. Normally, 8 TMC ft. of water is to be supplied between July to October and another 4 TMC ft. from January to April. However, a quantum of only 0.99 TMC ft. has been realised at the Tamil Nadu border in the period from October to December, 2016.

As you are aware, Tamil Nadu and Chennai City are primarily dependent on the North-East monsoon for bulk of the rainfall. This year (2016), the North-East monsoon has been highly deficient in Tamil Nadu. Rainfall in Chennai City is deficient by nearly 57%. The water level in Chennai City's drinking water reservoirs is very low and the meagre storage currently available needs to be augmented to meet the drinking water supply requirements of Chennai City over the next few months. Therefore, we depend on the release of Krishna water from the Kandaleru Reservoir to partly tide over the drinking water supply to Chennai City till July, 2017. Chennai City is critically dependent on the release of Krishna water, in order to manage the difficult situation in which we find ourselves this year.

I am given to understand that as on 5.1.2017, Kandaleru Reservoir has a storage of 13.53 TMC ft. Therefore, Andhra Pradesh appears to be in a position to release water from Kandaleru Reservoir for Chennai City.

In the circumstances, I request you to kindly instruct the officials to ensure the immediate release of the agreed quantum of water from Kandaleru Reservoir for being realized at the Tamil Nadu border.

I look forward to your immediate reply in the matter."

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