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Text of the D.O. letter dated 11.3.2013 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Dr.Manmohan Singh**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India is reproduced below: -

"I am writing this letter to you in continuation of my letter dated 22.02.2013 regarding the constitution of the Cauvery Management Board and Cauvery Water Regulation Committee for the implementation of the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal, following its notification in the Gazette of India.

As you are aware, the Government of Karnataka is in the habit of depleting the storages from its 4 reservoirs viz., Krishnarajasagar, Kabini, Hemavathy and Harangi during the summer months besides utilizing the inflows into the reservoirs during the period. Normally, the summer showers in the catchment areas of the Cauvery Basin in Karnataka would start in the 3rd week of April and consequently the reservoirs in Karnataka would be receiving inflows. Karnataka, as in the past, would continue to utilize the flows for summer irrigation without conserving it for the releases as prescribed in the Final Order of the Tribunal. Further, the Government of Karnataka should adhere to the "irrigation season" from 1st June to 31st January as stipulated in the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and should not be allowed to deplete the storages from its reservoirs for summer irrigation. Therefore, it is absolutely essential that a monitoring mechanism is put in place by the 1st week of May, 2013, so that Tamil Nadu's rights are protected from the ensuing irrigation year 2013-2014.

Under these circumstances, I once again request you to order the Ministry of Water Resources to ensure that the Cauvery Management Board and the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee are put in place to implement the Final Order of the Tribunal in letter and spirit.

I look forward to your immediate favourable reply in this matter."

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