

PRESS RELEASE

Text of the D.O. letter dated 20.12.2012 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Dr. Manmohan Singh**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India is reproduced below :-

"I would like you to recall the Memorandum I had presented to you at New Delhi on 14.6.2011 and my letter to you dated 17.10.2011, wherein I had requested you to order the Notification of the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and the constitution of the Cauvery Management Board immediately.

As you are aware, during the course of the proceedings in the Supreme Court on 5.12.2012, the Counsels for all the States, including Karnataka, brought to the notice of the Court the fact that the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal is yet to be notified by the Government of India, despite a statutory mandate stipulated in the Inter State Water Disputes Act, 1956. The Supreme Court ordered the Counsel for the Government of India to seek instructions as to when the Final Order of the Tribunal would be notified and report to the Court.

The Cauvery Monitoring Committee in its 31st meeting on 7.12.2012 had categorically stated that the Final Order of the Tribunal will be notified "at the earliest but not later than the end of this month(December 2012). Once the Award is notified, the institutions like Cauvery Monitoring Committee and Cauvery River Authority shall cease to exist. New Organisations like the Cauvery Management Board and Cauvery Regulation Committee will be constituted".

The Supreme Court in its Order dated 10.12.2012, had taken on record the proceedings of the 31st Meeting of the Cauvery Monitoring Committee, wherein it has been stated by the Chairman/Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Water Resources, that the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal will be notified before the end of December, 2012, and that the Cauvery Management Board and the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee would be constituted.

In the circumstances, I request you to expedite the Notification of the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and also to constitute the Cauvery Management Board forthwith so as to safeguard the livelihood of the farmers of Tamil Nadu.

I look forward to your immediate positive response in this matter."

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