

PRESS RELEASE

Due to the persistent and tireless efforts of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal was published in the Gazette of Government of India on 19.2.2013.

Following the notification of the Final Order of the Tribunal, Hon'ble Chief Minister had written to the Prime Minister on 22.2.2013 and 11.3.2013 urging him to constitute the Cauvery Management Board and the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee by the 1st week of May, 2013 so that Tamil Nadu's rights are protected from the ensuing irrigation year 2013-2014 commencing from 1st June, 2013.

On the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, an I.A. was filed in the Supreme Court on 18.3.2013 to direct the Government of India to constitute the Cauvery Management Board and the **Cauvery Water Regulation Committee** to safeguard the interests of the farmers of Tamil Nadu.

The Supreme Court in its order dated 10.5.2013 while recording the submission of the Additional Solicitor General that the follow up action pursuant to the notification of the Final Order of the Tribunal dated 19.2.2013 is under active consideration of the Central Government, has ordered for the constitution of a Supervisory Committee, as pro tem measure, for the purpose of ensuring the implementation of the Final Order of the Tribunal under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources and consisting of Chief Secretaries of the Cauvery Basin States.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister on 17th May, 2013, had again written to the Prime Minister that many lakhs of farmers of Tamil Nadu cannot be made to wait any longer for justice, which had been long delayed to them and urged for the constitution of the Cauvery Management Board and the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee without any further delay.

On instructions from the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Chief Secretary on 21.5.2013 requested the Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources to convene the 1st meeting of the Supervisory Committee to decide the flows as prescribed in the Final Order of the Tribunal, following the notification of the Final Order.

The Government of India acceding to the request of Government of Tamil Nadu has intimated that the 1st meeting of the Supervisory Committee will be held in the Ministry of Water Resources, New Delhi on 1st June, 2013 at 10.30 am.

Due to the tireless efforts of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to safe guard the interests of the Cauvery Delta farmers, the meeting of the Supervisory Committee is being convened on 1.6.2013 and Tamil Nadu will press for its due share of Cauvery water as stipulated in the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal.

Chief Secretary

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