

PRESS RELEASE

Text of the D.O. letter dated 25.1.2019 of **Thiru Edappadi K.Palaniswami**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu addressed to **Shri Narendra Modi**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

Please recall the letters I had written on 27.11.2018 and 6.12.2018 urging you to direct the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation to withdraw the permission given by the Central Water Commission to Karnataka for preparation of Detailed Project Report for Mokedatu Project. As you are aware, this is in violation of the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and the Judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 16.2.2018. This was also reiterated in the memoranda, I presented to you on 8.10.2018 and 22.11.2018.

The Government of Tamil Nadu had repeatedly conveyed its strong objections to the Government of India, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation and the Central Water Commission on 17.9.2018 and 31.10.2018 to the Mokedatu Project of Karnataka.

The Government of Karnataka has informed the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 21.1.2019 that it has furnished the Detailed Project Report to the Central Water Commission on 18th January, 2019 for the Mokedatu Balancing Reservoir cum Drinking Water Project and requested to accord further clearances for the Project. The unilateral action of Karnataka proposing to construct a new reservoir at Mokedatu for which the Detailed Project Report is presented to the Central Water Commission is a clear violation of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 16.2.2018.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has filed an Application before the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 30.11.2018, to direct the Central Water Commission to withdraw the permission granted to Karnataka for preparation of the Detailed Project Report for the Mokedatu Project. Therefore, the matter is already before the Hon'ble

Supreme Court. Lakhs and lakhs of farmers of Tamil Nadu dependent on Cauvery Water are agitated that they will be deprived of their due share of water as per the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 16.2.2018, if Mekedatu or any such Project is taken up in the Cauvery basin by upper riparian States.

In the circumstances, I seek your kind personal intervention and request you to instruct the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation and the Central Water Commission to reject outright and return the Detailed Project Report of the Mekedatu Project submitted by Karnataka.

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

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