

**PRESS RELEASE**

Text of the D.O.letter dated 27.11.2018 of Thiru **Edappadi K.Palaniswami**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu addressed to **Shri Narendra Modi**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

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"I am constrained to bring to your kind notice that the Central Water Commission in November, 2018 has conveyed its decision to the Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Ltd., Karnataka to go ahead for preparation of the Detailed Project Report for the proposed Mokedatu Balancing Reservoir-cum-Drinking Water Project.

You may recall that in my letter dated 4.9.2018, I requested you to instruct the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation to direct the Central Water Commission to stop forthwith further processing of the Feasibility Report of the Government of Karnataka to construct a Balancing Reservoir at Mokedatu across the river Cauvery and not to give any consent to any projects in the river Cauvery without obtaining the prior concurrence of Tamil Nadu and other co-basin States. I also reiterated the same in the Memorandum presented to you on 8.10.2018.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has already conveyed its decision to the Government of India that the Feasibility Report of Karnataka for constructing a Balancing Reservoir at Mokedatu across the river Cauvery is not acceptable and also furnished detailed comments to the Feasibility Report. The proposal for reservoir is not just for drinking water alone as claimed by Karnataka, but to increase the extent of irrigation which is in clear violation of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal Award as affirmed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

The Central Water Commission without considering the genuine and justifiable objections of Tamil Nadu has given permission to Karnataka to prepare the Detailed Project Report for the Mokedatu Balancing Reservoir-cum-Drinking Water Project.

The action of the Central Water Commission has caused great alarm and apprehension among the people of Tamil Nadu as it will affect the livelihood of lakhs of farmers who depend on Cauvery water.

In the circumstances, I request you to kindly direct the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India, to instruct the Central Water Commission to forthwith withdraw the permission given to Cauvery Neeravari Nigam

Ltd., of Karnataka for preparation of the Detailed Project Report for Mokedatu Balancing Reservoir-cum-Drinking Water Project.

I look forward to your immediate positive reply.”

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