

Water Resources Department
Press Release

1. In a section of Print Media it is reported that some of the farmers are requesting for the extension of water release from Mettur Dam for another 10 days to Cauvery delta for irrigation.

2. During 2022 - 2023, water has been released from Mettur Dam for Delta irrigation on 24th May itself, well in advance to the statutory date of water release i.e. 12th June. With this advanced opening of Mettur Dam, water has been supplied for Kuruvai, Samba and Thaladi crops in 12.80 Lakh acres of ayacut as per the Compendium of rules of Water regulation.

3. With the sufficient release of Cauvery water from the Mettur Dam, 12.80 Lakh acres of ayacut cultivated with Kuruvai, Samba and Thaladi crops in Thanjavur, Thiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthurai and Cuddalore districts have been irrigated to the full extent and harvesting has also been started in most places. Even though, the Mettur Dam has been closed on the 28th of this month, irrigation can be given for another week with the water already released. Hence, precise water regulation is being carried out by giving supply only to the water needy area of the Cauvery delta. Adding to this, irrigation is being given with the water from 690 tanks of Grand Anicut Canal area, which are already at full tank level.

4. Moreover, heavy rain forecast has been announced for next three days and there by the water demand is also reduced considerably. Mayiladudurai and Nagapattinam Districts received moderate rainfall in

yesterday (29-01-2023). Analysing all the above factors, water release from Mettur Dam for another 10 days is not necessary.

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