

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 875**

ANSWERED ON 27.07.2026

**QUANTITY OF CAUVERY WATER TO BE RELEASED TO KARNATAKA**

875 Dr. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the central Government will provide the month-wise quantity of Cauvery water to be released by Karnataka to Tamil Nadu during a normal water year, as prescribed by the judgment of the Supreme Court of India;
- (b) the prescribed quantity of water to be released during the months of May and June;
- (c) the actual quantity of water released by Karnataka during May and June;
- (d) the deficit, if any, in the release of water during May and June, month-wise; and
- (e) the quantity of water directed to be released by Karnataka during the month of July?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

**(a) to (e)** The month-wise quantity of Cauvery water to be released by Karnataka to Tamil Nadu at the inter-State contact point i.e. Biligundulu during a normal year, as per the Final Award of Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal (CWDT), as modified by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, and the actual quantity of water released by Karnataka in the month of May 2026 in the previous water year 2025-26 and in the month of June & July in the current water year 2026-27, is given in **Annexure**.

The hydro-meteorological conditions prevailing in the Cauvery basin, including the rainfall recorded so far and the forecast/outlook for the ensuing fortnight, live storage position, inflows into and outflows from the eight designated reservoirs and the actual realization of flows at Biligundulu, are reviewed and deliberated upon in detail in the meetings of the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) and Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA). These bodies, which include representatives of the basin States, meet regularly to assess the prevailing situation.

Based on such assessment, appropriate directions are issued to Karnataka for ensuring the realization of the required flows at Biligundulu during the ensuing fortnight, in accordance with the Final Award of the CWDT, as modified by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. These directions are duly recorded in the proceedings of the respective meeting. Compliance with the decision and directions issued during the preceding meeting of CWRC/CWMA is also reviewed in subsequent meeting.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 875 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.07.2026 REGARDING “QUANTITY OF CAUVERY WATER TO BE RELEASED TO KARNATAKA”.**

**Water Year 2025-26**

| <b>Month</b> | <b>Stipulated flows to be ensured at Biligundulu (in TMC)</b> | <b>Actual flows realized at Biligundulu in the month in the current water year 2025-26 (in TMC)</b> |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| May          | 2.5                                                           | 3.101                                                                                               |

**Water Year 2026-27**

| <b>Month</b> | <b>Stipulated flows to be ensured at Biligundulu (in TMC)</b> | <b>Actual flows realized at Biligundulu in the month in the current water year 2026-27 (in TMC)</b> |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| June         | 9.19                                                          | 2.195                                                                                               |
| July         | 31.24                                                         | 0.459*                                                                                              |
| August       | 45.95                                                         |                                                                                                     |
| September    | 36.76                                                         |                                                                                                     |
| October      | 20.22                                                         |                                                                                                     |
| November     | 13.78                                                         |                                                                                                     |
| December     | 7.35                                                          |                                                                                                     |
| January      | 2.76                                                          |                                                                                                     |
| February     | 2.5                                                           |                                                                                                     |
| March        | 2.5                                                           |                                                                                                     |
| April        | 2.5                                                           |                                                                                                     |
| May          | 2.5                                                           |                                                                                                     |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>177.25</b>                                                 | <b>3.374*</b>                                                                                       |

\* Upto 16/07/2026

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