

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1421

ANSWERED ON 15.12.2022

CONSTRUCTION OF MEKEDATU DAM

1421 SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Central Water Commission (CWC) or the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has given permission for the proposed construction of Mekedatu dam across Cauvery river to the Government of Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry proposes to ask the State Government of Karnataka not to pursue the project as Karnataka allotted specific funds from their State Budget; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (c) Feasibility Report (FR) of Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir cum Drinking Water Project, Karnataka was submitted to the Central Water Commission (CWC) for "in principle" clearance for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR). CWC accorded 'in-principle' clearance for preparation of DPR by project authority (Government of Karnataka) subject to certain conditions including that: *“As the main objective of this scheme as stated in the FR is to implement the Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal (CWDT) Award as modified by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, acceptance of Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) would be a pre-requisite for consideration of the DPR by the Advisory Committee of MoWR, RD & GR”*.

Subsequently, the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir cum Drinking Water Project was submitted by Government of Karnataka to CWC in January 2019 and copies of DPR were forwarded to CWMA. Discussion on the DPR of the Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir cum Drinking Water Project was included as an agenda item during various meetings of CWMA. However, discussion on this agenda item could not take place due to lack of consensus among party States.
