

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3178**

ANSWERED ON 04.08.2022

**MEKEDATU DAM PROJECT**

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has taken any decision to allow Karnataka to construct Dam at Mekedatu and if so, the details thereof along with the view/opinion of the Union Government in this regard; and  
(b) the stand of the Union Government on the decision taken by Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) in its recent meeting?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b)** Feasibility Report (FR) of Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir cum Drinking Water Project, Karnataka was submitted to Central Water Commission (CWC) for "in principle" clearance for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR). The 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.

Subsequently, keeping in view the decision taken in the 15th meeting of CWMA held on 11.02.2022, legal advice of Ministry of Law & Justice was obtained and conveyed to CWMA.

Discussion on Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir cum Drinking Water Project was again included in the agenda items of the 16th meeting of CWMA held on 22.07.2022. However, the Mekedatu project DPR was not discussed in the meeting.

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