

Unending River Water Disputes - Whether River Water Subject is being Transferred from State List to Central List Indirectly?

Nationalist Congress party chief, the former union minister Sarad Pavar met the Chief Minister of Karnataka Basavaraj Bommai and discussed the inter-state water sharing dispute between Karnataka and Maharashtra on 06-08-2021.

Regarding the Tamil Nadu government's request not to take up the Mokedatu balancing reservoir – Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Shekawat informed Rajya Sabha on 26 July 2021 that “Karnataka submitted DPR of Mokedatu reservoir to the Central Water Commission (CWC), copies of which had been forwarded to the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) for obtaining consent of co-basin states”.

Karnataka state government without honouring and accepting the Supreme Court judgement and Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal's order, was going to construct dam Mokedatu according to the new Chief Minister of Karnataka Basavaraj Bommai's statement. “It is not acceptable” Minister of Water Resources of Tamil Nadu Duraimurugan said on 03-08-2021 at Chennai to reporters.

Tamil Nadu requested the Union government to set up a tribunal on the dispute of Karnataka dam project across Markandeya. The Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Shekawat said on Markandeya in a return reply to Rajya Sabha on 26th July 2021, that “Central Water Commission sought more information from Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Puducherry and awaiting that”.

The farmers' organizations of Pudukkotti district of TN are preparing legally to face legal challenges of Karnataka on Cauvery –Vaigai–Gunder intra state river linking project of Tamil Nadu. (Report of a daily paper on 21-07-2021).

Thus the people of India are being diverted by the feudal and imperialist forces from the actual people's problems and are being engaged by different caste, religion, regional hatred clashes created by the ruling classes.

After Center's Gazette Notification – Krishna River Water Dispute

Telangana ENC Muralidharan wrote a letter on 21-07-2021 to Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) that till the Brijesh Kumar Tribunal's adjudication come to implementation, Krishna river water should be distributed in 50:50 ratios between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Union Minister of Jal Shakti issued a notification on the purview of Godavari River Management Board (GRMB) on 30th July 2021.

“Both the Telugu states should resolve Krishna river water dispute through dialogue and mediation”, Chief Justice of India, NV Ramana suggested on 2nd August 2021.

On 3rd August 2021 a meeting was conducted by Godavari and Krishna Boards Coordination Committee, but Telangana had not attended the meeting. On 9th August, 2021 AP government once again cleared at the Boards Coordination Committee meeting that objections on the purview of KRMB, GRMB would be conveyed to the centre directly. Telangana had not attended for the 2nd time also.

“As the gazette notification has to be implemented from Oct 14th, states may agree, may not agree, we will go ahead”, boards clarified according to the advice from the centre.

“Telangana used water in the period June 1st to 11th August from Jurala to Nagarjuna Sagar should be out” AP is preparing to complaint to KRMB.

“On 25th July 2021 former Reserve Bank Governor and 14th Finance Commission Chairman YV Reddy said in a meeting that the “Centre is advised to be a manager rather than running itself in the dispute of river water between states”

“On the River water, States have the full rights and authorities, so that the purview of the Krishna board should be limited to Srisaillam, Nagarjuna Sagar which are in dispute” is to be the demand of the AP CM to the centre” is the request of Navyandhra Retired Engineers Association to the AP CM.

“Through dialogue unresolved issues of Krishna River Water have to be solved by both the Telugu states till the Brijesh Kumar Tribunal’s award is finalized”, Telangana Retired Engineers’ Association suggested. It also said that Centre’s Gazette enforcement should not be given opportunity.

People should be alert to the ruling class policies. By violating the principles of the constitution the rights of the states on river water are being taken away by the centre which should be opposed.