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Ravi flows into Pak as Centre reviews water treaty

Solution lies in Shahpur Kandi dam, but project hangs in balance due to objections by J&K govt

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 28
Even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi has favoured maximising the internal use of three rivers, the Indus, Jhelum and the Chenab, that are part of the 1960 Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan, the Punjab Government's Irrigation Department engineers have showed their concern over

the flow of the Ravi waters to Pakistan downstream Madhopur Headworks in Pathankot district.

They want that the work on the Shahpur Kandi dam project be resumed to stop the flow of water to Pakistan, besides bringing more area under irrigation in Jammu region and enhancing the irrigation capacity in Punjab.

The Ravi water was to be pooled at the proposed balanc-

ing reservoir by raising the dam with an estimated cost of Rs 800 crore at Shahpur Kandi, about 11 km downstream the Ranjit Sagar dam.

Half of this reservoir was to be made in Punjab territory and the other part in Jammu and Kashmir. The land for the project was acquired years ago and the Centre was to fund 90 per cent of the project. However, following objections by the J&K Gov-

ernment, the work was suspended two years ago.

Consequently, whenever excess water is released from the Ranjit Sagar dam in the Ravi, especially during summer months, a good amount of water flows to Pakistan via Madhopur Headworks in the absence of a balancing reservoir at Shahpur Kandi.

Dr GS Dhillon, former chief engineer, Irrigation Department, said: "The bal-

ancing reservoir should have been completed even before the Ranjit Sagar dam."

In summer, when the demand for power goes up, all hydro-power units installed at the Ranjit Sagar dam are made operational. To operate turbines about 15,000 cusecs of water has to be released. Of this, 12,000 cusecs is released into the Upper Bari Doab Canal and Madhopur-Beas Link

Canals at Madhopur Headworks and the remaining flows to Pakistan.

The J&K Government has taken the plea that since the Punjab Government has terminated the River Waters Sharing Agreement in 2004, the previous agreement relating to the Ranjit Sagar dam and Shahpur Kandi dam between Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir too have become defunct.

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J&K has suffered due to Indus Treaty: Mehbooba

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Srinagar, 28 September

Jammu and Kashmir has suffered losses due to the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) with Pakistan and should be compensated by the Centre, Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti said today, two days after India decided to "exploit to the maximum" the water of Pak-controlled rivers.

"Today, many things are being talked about. There is a talk of IWT... We are facing losses on account of IWT. We should get compensation and we cannot ask Pakistan for that but our own country. Whatever we get, be it our power projects or anything, we should get," she said at a function here.

Under the Treaty, which was

signed by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and Pakistan President Ayub Khan in September 1960, control of three rivers flowing through Jammu and Kashmir - Jhelum, Indus and Chenab - was given to Pakistan while India was given control over Beas, Ravi and Sutlej, all passing through Punjab. Because of the treaty, no big dams or power projects can be built by India on Jhelum, Indus or Chenab.

"There have been so many wars, but IWT wasn't touched because both the countries benefited from our resources, even as J&K suffered losses," Mehbooba said while speaking at the launch of PM Ujwala Yojana.

Her remarks came two days after the Prime Minister asserted that "blood and water cannot

flow together" and decided that India will "exploit to the maximum" the water of Pakistan-controlled rivers, including Jhelum.

Held amidst heightened tension between the India and Pakistan, the meeting also decided to set up a inter-ministerial task forces to go into the details and working of the Treaty with a "sense of urgency", senior government sources said.

She said her father and former Chief Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed had wanted joint use of resources by both the countries for friendship between them.

"Mufti sahab always had this thinking that we should both do such things so that we can use our resources jointly for our as well as their benefit so that there is friendship instead of ani-

mosity. But unfortunately, even as there were many attempts, it has not happened so far," she said.

The chief minister said she had hoped Prime Minister Narendra Modi would visit Pakistan for the SAARC summit in November but noted that he cannot go under the circumstances following Uri attack.

"SAARC was to happen in Pakistan and I had hopes that our PM will get an opportunity to go there but how will he go? Under what circumstances will he go there? she said. The J&K Chief Minister advocated joint use of resources of all SAARC countries.

Maintaining that war is never an option to resolve issues, Mehbooba pitched for amicable relations between India and Pakistan to fight the poverty and eco-

nomical deprivation plaguing the region while underlining the need of a bilateral dialogue to resolve the issues.

Mehbooba said violence has no place in modern societies. "Those societies who lionise violence as a means to end their problems are doomed. We should look at places around the world where a saga of death and destruction has unfolded and is consuming anybody and everybody," she said.

Apparently referring to Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani, whose killing in an encounter on July 8 has led to the current unrest in Kashmir, the Chief Minister said "today's heroes are tomorrow's dangerous men. They talk about militants.

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Release 6k cusec water to TN: SC orders K'taka

Centre To Call CMs Of Both States For Meet

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court sternly ordered Karnataka on Tuesday to release 6,000 cusec of Cauvery water daily to Tamil Nadu till Friday. The ruling came after it appeared that an Assembly resolution backing Siddaramaiah government's dogged defiance of the court's earlier order to release the water seemed to have dented SC's dignity, endangered rule of law and hurt federalism.

"We are sure Karnataka shall obey the order without any kind of impediment, obstruction or any other attitude till we take up the matter on September 30," a bench of Justices Dipak Misra and UU Lalit said.

"Karnataka shall follow the order passed by us. We ingeminate (reiterate) and repeat that the direction for release of water has been passed for the coming three days despite the (Assembly) resolution," the bench said, brushing aside Karnataka's unwavering stand that it would be difficult to release water in the face of the As-



HAWK EYE: RAF men ensured Mysuru Road remained incident-free

State govt calls all-party meet

Caught in a bind over yet another SC order to release water to TN, the Karnataka government has convened cabinet, all-party meetings on Wednesday to evolve consensus over the SC order. TNN

sembly resolution.

Finding itself in a spot over the vexed water dispute, the bench looked to attorney general Mukul Rohatgi for a resolution. It clutched to the AG's suggestion that the Centre would attempt a resolution of the thorny issue by facilitating a meeting of the chief ministers of the two states engaged in a water war. With both states willing, the AG said the Centre would convene a meeting between Jayalalitha and Siddarama-

iah in the next two days. The court will hear the issue on September 30.

Appearing for Karnataka, senior advocate Fali Nariman said the Assembly resolution stood in the way of the government in releasing any water to Tamil Nadu as the state faces acute shortage of drinking water. "Assembly's direction could not be defied as it was also a Constitutional authority like the Supreme Court," he said. Karnataka admitted there was 42,000 cusecs deficit in release of Cauvery waters to TN.

Hoping the situation will ease by Friday, the bench made it known to the states that it was adjourning the hearing till September 30 by accepting the AG's suggestion and not because it found it difficult to deal with the situation arising out of Karnataka's defiance to release water to TN.

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The Hindu - 28 Sept
No decision yet to suspend Indus panel

JACOB KOSHY

NEW DELHI: India has not yet taken a decision to suspend but was in the process of "re-viewing" its decision to stay on in the Indus Commission, according to water resources secretary Shashi Shekhar, who was part of the team that briefed Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday on India's continued participation in the Indus Water Treaty.

India's Indus Commissioner P.K. Saxena is in Washington to discuss with World Bank officials India's position on the Kishenganga hydro-power project, an older dispute going on with Pakistan over building a run-of-the-river project that proposes to divert water from the Kishenganga river to the Jhelum river basin.

"There is no decision yet to



Indus Commissioner P.K. Saxena is in Washington to discuss India's position on the Kishenganga hydro-power project with World Bank officials. — FILE PHOTO: NISSAR AHMAD

suspend the [Indus] Commission and we are reviewing our participation," Mr. Shekhar told *The Hindu*.

'Mission mode'

He, however, emphasised that India would pursue in "mission mode" its plans to ramp up hydroelectric power

projects and utilise "to the fullest" what was due to it under the water-sharing agreements under the pact. This would mean commissioning or completing hydro-power projects and expanding irrigation in Jammu and Kashmir by about 50 per cent.

"Expanding irrigation ca-

capacity won't be a huge cost. At an average of Rs. 5 crore per megawatt, Rs 50,000 crore could be invested in hydro-projects there. It will greatly benefit Jammu and Kashmir," he added. However there was no final decision yet on budgetary allocation.

Declaring that "blood and water cannot flow together", Prime Minister Modi on Monday held a meeting of senior officials from the Water Resources and External Affairs Ministries and the PMO to discuss the government's options on the treaty.

While the meeting decided to suspend further water talks and increase the utilisation of rivers flowing through Jammu and Kashmir to maximise India's share, there was no decision on either reviewing or abrogating the treaty, official sources said.

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The Hindu - 28 Sept
Give 6,000 cusecs to T.N. for 3 days, Karnataka told

We are sure that State will obey the order, says Supreme Court

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL

NEW DELHI: Enforcing its authority as the final arbiter of inter-State river water disputes, the Supreme Court on Tuesday ignored the Karnataka legislature's resolution to not share Cauvery water and directed the State to release 6,000 cusecs of water to neighbouring Tamil Nadu for the next three days.

"We direct the State of Karnataka to release 6,000 cusecs of water from September 28, 2016. We are sure that the State of Karnataka shall obey the order without any kind of impediment, obstruction or any other attitude till we take up the matter on September 30, 2016," the Bench of Justices Dipak Misra and U.U. Lalit said.

To be adjusted later

It said this release of water would be adjusted in the eventual adjudication of the inter-State dispute.

The court entrusted Attorney-General Mukul Rohatgi to meanwhile facilitate talks between the "Executive Heads" of the two States in an effort to melt hostilities.



Karnataka claims the storage in the KRS dam in Mandya is just enough for drinking purposes. — PHOTO: V SREENIVASA MURTHY

Jayalalithaa meets officials in hospital

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu CM Jayalalithaa, undergoing treatment at Apollo Hospitals here, convened a meeting with officials on Tuesday. She was apprised of developments in the hearing of the pleas filed by the State government in the Supreme Court. **PAGE 6**

The A-G said the Centre would arrange the meeting, "provided both agree to come."

'Not a sign of weakness'

The Bench made it clear that the call for talks was only a way of offering the carrot

Karnataka Cabinet to discuss stand

BENGALURU: Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said on Tuesday that he was yet to read the Supreme Court order in the Cauvery water dispute. The Cabinet is also expected to meet on Wednesday to discuss and decide on the government's stand. **PAGE 10**

before using the stick. In its order, the apex court observed that a call for talks should not be interpreted by the States as the judiciary's powerlessness.

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Former SC judges say resolution is ill-advised

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: Former Supreme Court judges have termed the resolution passed by the two Houses of Karnataka on September 23, to deny Tamil Nadu Cauvery water, an ill-advised misadventure. They say the resolution is no match for the constitutional might of the Supreme Court as the final arbiter of inter-State water disputes.

Former Supreme Court judge K.T. Thomas said the resolution "is only fit to be kept in the records of the Karnataka legislature and has no authority".

"At best, the resolution can be treated as an expression of opinion or a criticism of the Supreme Court's order. Everyone has the right to criticise a court order. But the Supreme Court is the final authority in resolving inter-State water disputes," he said on Tuesday.

"The Supreme Court's mandate to be the final arbiter of inter-State water disputes is derived from the Constitution itself, not even Parliament. The constitutional makers gave the Supreme Court this power to prevent a situation in which one State will pass a resolution against the other and a constitutional crisis will ensue," former SC judge K.S.

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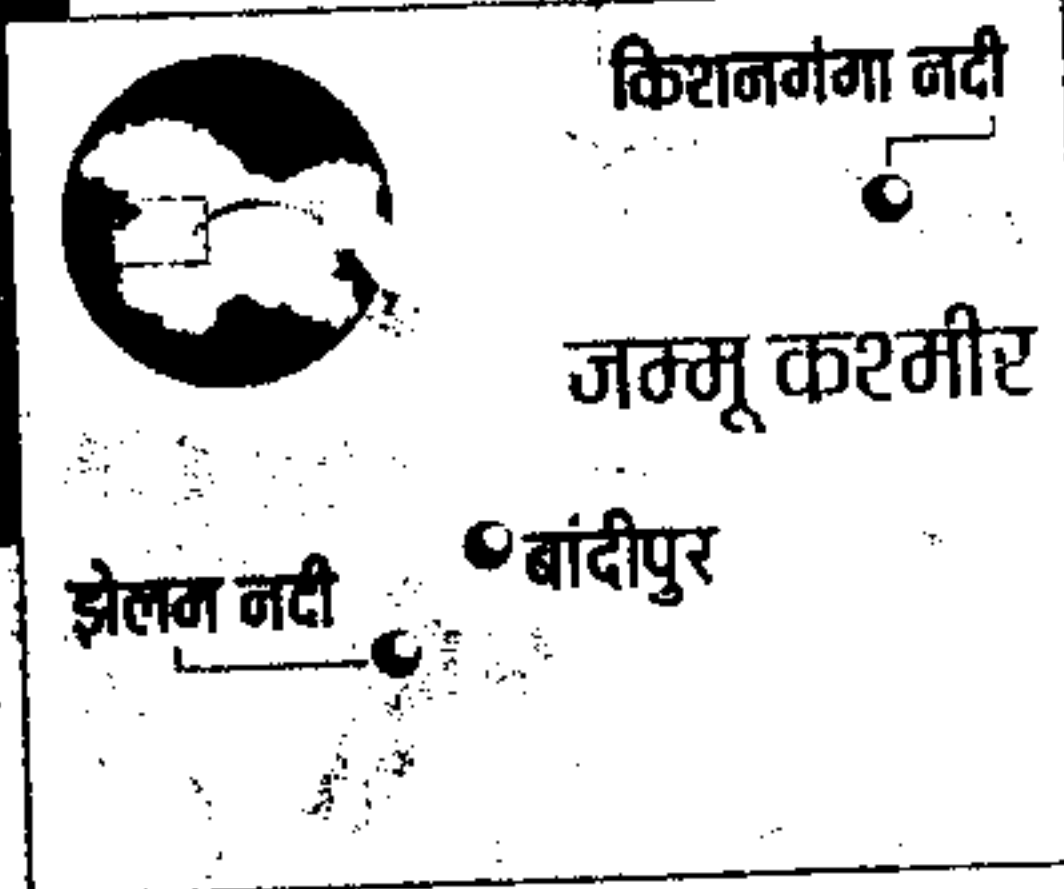
पाकिस्तान मानता आया है कि जम्मू कश्मीर में किशनगंगा जल विद्युत परियोजना शुरू कर भारत 1960 के सिंधु जल संधि का उल्लंघन कर रहा है। पर इस मामले में पाकिस्तान को तीन साल पहले अंतरराष्ट्रीय न्यायालय में मुंह की खानी पड़ी थी।

क्या है किशनगंगा परियोजना

330 मेगावाट की यह जल विद्युत परियोजना किशनगंगा नदी के पानी को मोड़कर झेलम नदी बेसिन में बनाई जा रही है। संयंत्र जम्मू एवं कश्मीर के बांदीपुर के उत्तर में पांच किलोमीटर की दूरी पर स्थित है। इसका निर्माण 2007 में शुरू हुआ और 2017 तक पूरा होने की उम्मीद है।

नीलम झेलम परियोजना

पाकिस्तान भी पीओके में चीन की मदद से 969 मेगावाट का जलविद्युत संयंत्र बना रहा है। यह मुजफ्फराबाद से दक्षिण में करीब 22 किलोमीटर की दूरी पर स्थित है। 2007 में शुरू हुआ यह प्रोजेक्ट दिसंबर 2017 तक पूरा हो जाने की उम्मीद है।



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पहले भी अंतरराष्ट्रीय न्यायालय जा चुका है पाक

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Govt to construct 'mini dams' for irrigation

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To exploit waters of the western rivers of the Indus, Jhelum and Chenab for irrigation as permitted under the Indus Waters Treaty, the Jammu and Kashmir Government is mulling construction of "mini dams" on their tributaries to double crop production in Kashmir.

Officials said the govern-

ment would take the help of international experts for the construction of water storage facilities on the tributaries to increase agricultural productivity in kandi areas and on plateaus.

"We are within the rights under the Indus Waters Treaty to construct mini dams for storage of water on tributaries of the western rivers for agricultural purposes," a senior government official told The Tri-

Scaling up irrigation

- India entitled to irrigate crop area of 13,43,477 acres under the treaty, but only 7,92,426 acres being irrigated
- The country can build storage for up to 3.6 million acre feet on the three western rivers
- The number of major tributaries of the Indus and Chenab is very good to construct dams for scaling up irrigation

bune. However, he said the dams had to be built keeping in view that Jammu and Kashmir was in seismic zones IV and V.

The treaty, which was

signed by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and Pakistani President Ayub Khan in September, 1960, is a water-sharing mechanism to regulate the flow of the

trans-boundary Indus river and its five tributaries — Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, Beas and Sutlej — between India and Pakistan.

Under the treaty, India received exclusive rights of use of waters of eastward flowing Ravi, Beas and Sutlej before they crossed the border while Pakistan has rights to three large western rivers first flowing through J&K — the Indus, Jhelum and Chenab.

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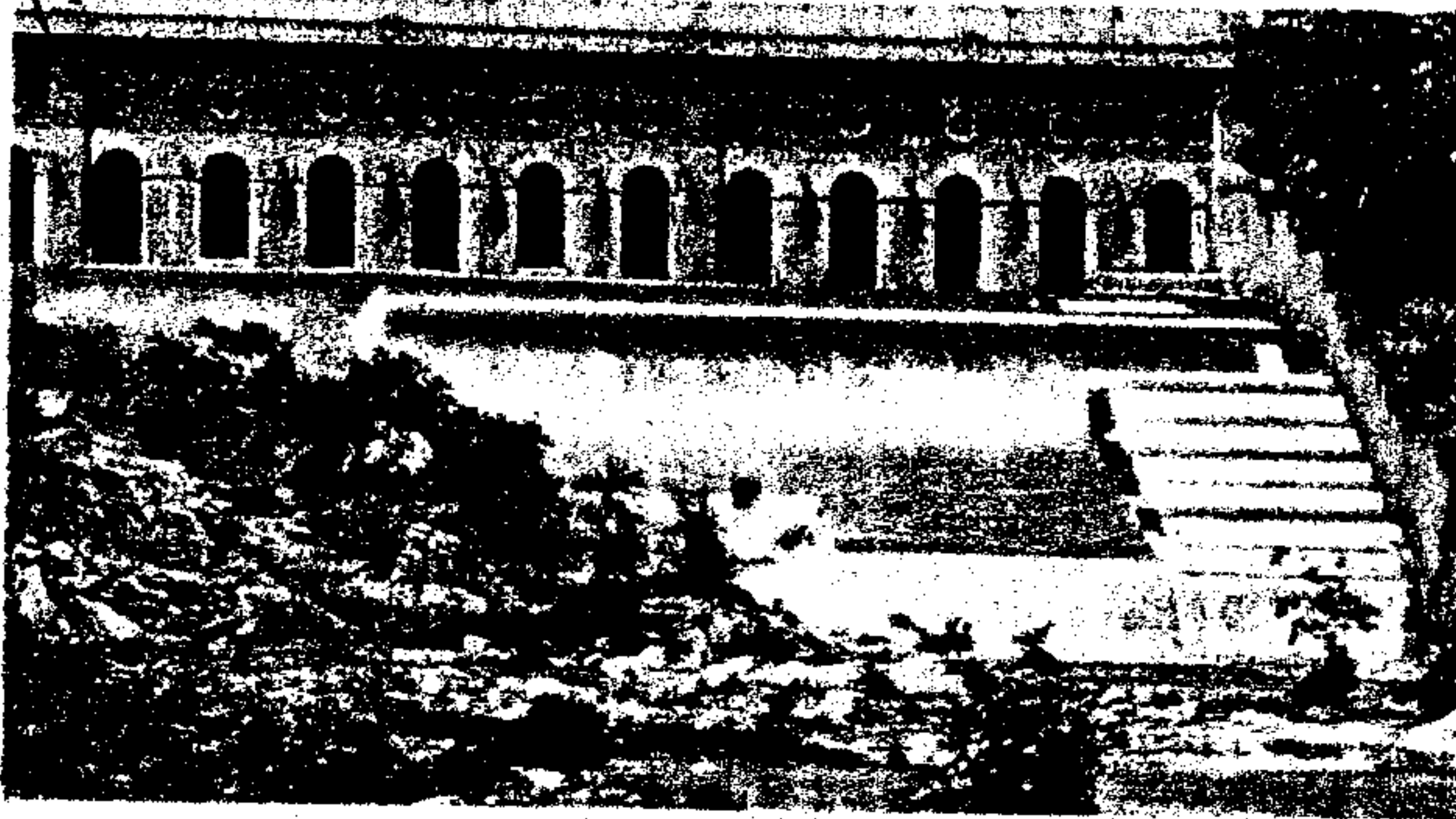
Storage in Cauvery reservoirs up

MOHIT M. RAO

BENGALURU: Storage in Karnataka's Cauvery basin reservoirs seems to have improved considerably in comparison with the situation a few days ago, when the State legislature passed a resolution and the government defied the Supreme Court order to release water to Tamil Nadu.

On September 20, when the State stopped releasing water to Tamil Nadu, the combined storage in four dams (Harangi, Hemavati, Krishnaraja Sagar and Kabini) was 26.21 tmcft. This was termed "alarming" as it was less than the 27 tmcft required for providing drinking water till the end of May next.

On Wednesday, however, the cumulative storage had risen to 31.29 tmcft. This is



The KRS, from where the water is released, has seen its storage increase by 2.02 tmcft, the highest since Sept. 14.

owing to rainfall in the catchment areas, coupled with no outflow from the reservoirs. The KRS, which was the point of release, has seen its storage increase by 2.02 tmcft. This is the highest since September 14. The cumulative volume of water discharged from the

reservoir over the past eight days has been around 0.2 tmcft, while the volume of water reaching it has been 2.45 tmcft. The storage levels, however, still remain a concern for officials as they are nearly a third lower than the levels in the same period last year.

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Karnataka defers Cauvery water decision till today

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■ **BENGALURU:** Awaiting the outcome of a meeting convened by the Centre, Karnataka decided on Wednesday to defer the release of 6,000 cusecs of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu till Thursday as per the Supreme Court direction.

■ "We have deferred decision on release till tomorrow... We will see the outcome (of the meeting) and then decide on the next step," said Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah.

■ On Tuesday, the SC had asked Karnataka to release Cauvery water in the next three days despite the unanimous assembly resolution to use the water only for drinking. The SC had also called for a political solution to the "impasse" by convening a meeting of CMs of both states and the Centre. Union water resources minister Uma Bharti has also called for a meeting.

■ Before the cabinet meet, Siddaramaiah convened an all-party meeting to discuss the SC direction. The meeting was attended by the two main Opposition parties — the BJP and the JD(S).

In the meeting, both the parties are said to have advised the government against releasing water to Tamil Nadu and to stick to the unanimous resolution passed by the Karnataka legislature in the

PROHIBITORY ORDERS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED IN BENGALURU TILL SEPT 30 AFTER PROTESTS IN THE STATE OVER THE WATER DISPUTE

special session held last week.

In an unprecedented move in the more than century-long Cauvery dispute with the neighbouring state, both the legislative assembly and the council adopted the resolution not to provide water for any other purpose except to meet drinking needs on September 23 citing "acute distress" and "alarmingly low levels" in dams in Karnataka.

"We have no intention to disobey the Supreme Court order," Siddaramaiah said, pointing out that the assembly had clearly mandated that the water was required for drinking purpose.

Meanwhile, prohibitory orders have been extended till September 30 in Bengaluru considering the law and order situation following protests in the state over the Cauvery water dispute.

The city police has deployed 15,000 police personnel. However, no untoward incidents have been reported in the city.

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Karnataka decision on release of Cauvery water likely today

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

BENGALURU: The Karnataka government on Wednesday deferred the decision on releasing Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu as per the Supreme Court's verdict till talks with the riparian States convened by the Central government conclude on Thursday.

All-party meet

A decision to this effect was taken by the State Cabinet after an all-party meeting convened by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah advised the government to wait till the end of the meeting called by Union Water Resources Minister Uma Bharti in New Delhi.

State to await the outcome of meeting of riparian States convened by the Centre

Thursday's meeting at the Water Resources Ministry will focus on the progress that has been achieved by Karnataka and Tamil Nadu in installing telemetry devices, data sharing and the performance of the monsoon rainfall over Karnataka, in the past month.

The 11.30 a.m. meeting to be chaired by Ms. Bharti, will be attended by Mr. Siddaramaiah; a representative of Tamil Nadu

Chief Minister Jayalalitha, Attorney General Mukul Rohtagi and senior officials from the Central Water Commission and water development boards of the States.

"A formality"

"This is more of a formality. I don't see unexpected new points emerging that have not been brought up before," a person who will be privy to the meeting told *The Hindu*.

"We are only complying with the Supreme Court directions."

(Inputs from Jacob Koshy)

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India's Indus threat sends Pak scurrying to World Bank

SANDEEP ADHWARYU

Worried, Islamabad Moves ICJ Too

Islamabad has approached the World Bank as well as the International Court of Justice (ICJ) amid reports that India may use the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) to hit back at Pakistan over the persistent terror attacks launched from its soil.

The World Bank had helped broker the pact, which outlines how the waters of six rivers (Beas, Ravi, Sutlej, Indus, Chenab and Jhelum) are to be shared between the two countries, in 1960. While details of the ICJ appeal were not available, according to Pakistan TV channel Geo News, a government delegation led by Pakistan's attorney general Ashtar Ausaf Ali met senior officials of the World Bank in Washington DC.

The meeting pertained to the dispute over India's construction of Kishenganga and Ratle hydroelectric plants on Jhelum and Chenab, respectively. The treaty provides specific design criteria for any hy-

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del plant to be built by India. Pakistan says the Kishenganga and Ratle plants violate the laid-down parameters.

In August, Pakistan had formally requested India for a settlement of the dispute. Under the treaty, the World Bank has an important role in the establishment of a court of arbitration. Pakis-

tan has reportedly asked the World Bank for early empanelment of the court. "The World Bank will be deciding the issue in the next few days," the Pakistan government said in a statement.

The World Bank, however, said on Wednesday it was approached by India as well, and would respond to the neigh-

bours' requests "in its limited, procedural role".

Meanwhile, Pakistan PM Nawaz Sharif said on Wednesday that the country was fully capable of meeting any internal or external security threat, and added that "no one country can unilaterally separate itself from the IWT". AGENCIES

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Water warning to Bangalore

OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

New Delhi, Sept. 27: The Supreme Court today directed Karnataka to release 6,000 cusecs of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu every day for the next three days starting tomorrow, warning the upper riparian state to "better cooperate" till it heard the matter again on Friday.

The directive came despite a Karnataka Assembly resolution that had opposed the court's September 20 order to the state to release 6,000 cusecs (cubic feet per second) a day till September 27.

The bench of Justices Dipak Misra and U.U. Lalit ad-

joined the matter till 2pm on Friday after attorney general Mukul Rohatgi, who was asked to assist the court, sought two days to arrange a meeting between the chief ministers of the two states.

Tamil Nadu's counsel Shekhar Naphade had repeatedly dwelt on Karnataka's defiance but the court refused to get into that "facet today", saying the issue was linked to "federalism".

The bench, however, made it clear that if necessary it might crack the whip to uphold the "majesty" and "dignity" of judicial orders.

Justice Misra, who was heading the bench, said: "...we direct the State of Karnataka

to release 6,000 cusecs of water from tomorrow, i.e. September 28, 2016. We are sure that the State of Karnataka shall obey the order without any kind of impediment, obstruction or any other attitude till we take up the matter on September 30, 2016.

"Needless to say, the water that has been released will be adjusted in the eventual adjudication," the judge said, adding the "water shall be released despite the (Assembly) resolution".

"You better cooperate, Mr (Fali S.) Nariman," the judge told Karnataka's counsel.

The resolution, passed by the Karnataka legislature on September 23, had asked the

state government to use the Cauvery reservoirs only to supply drinking water to the state's people.

The implication was no water should be released to Tamil Nadu despite the top court's September 20 order that had asked Karnataka to release 6,000 cusecs to Tamil Nadu from September 21 to 27.

In the court today, Naphade said Tamil Nadu was fed up with Karnataka's "obstinacy" and "obstructionist" approach. "Karnataka should not be heard until they implement the directions. They are not releasing the water. They are defying the orders of this court," the senior advocate said.

Senior counsel Fali Nari-

man, who represented Karnataka, said the state was willing to implement the order around November when it gets sufficient waters from the northeast monsoon. "I am not saying I will not comply with the order," Nariman said.

Justice Misra said: "The point of Tamil Nadu is you are not entitled to be heard. We have passed an order. If the order is not implemented, the dignity of the court is affected (and) that can't be tolerated."

Nariman said the Karnataka legislature was "also a constitutional authority". The bench then asked whether it should go into the validity of the resolution in relation to the powers of the court.

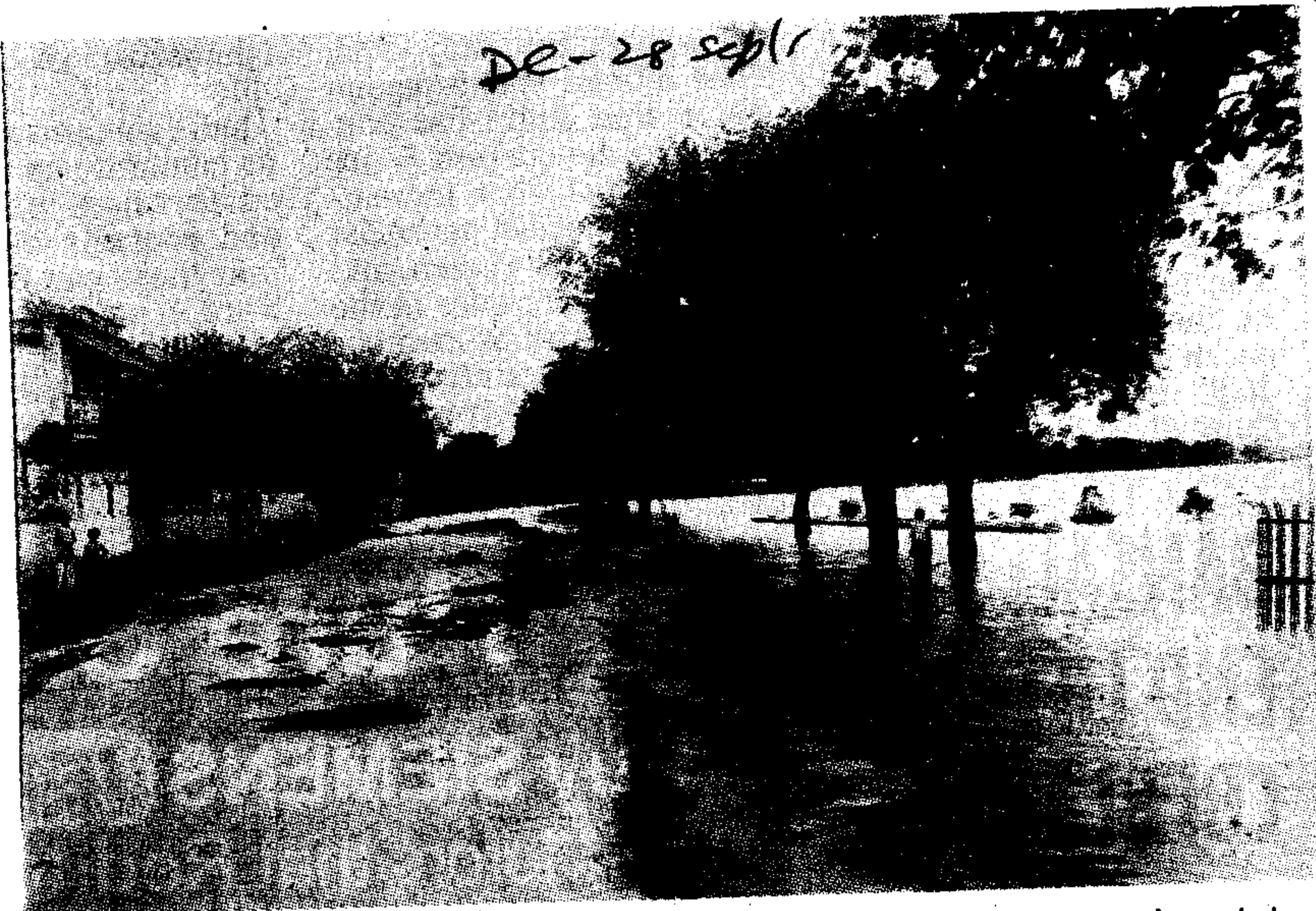
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REMEMBERING A DISASTER



It has been 108 years since Hyderabad was struck by one of the most devastating floods ever, which killed 15,000 people. Wednesday marks the anniversary of the Musi floods. Seen here is a file photo of Secunderabad. — DC Archives

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Modi reviews Indus Water Treaty

NEW DELHI, Sept 26: "Blood and water cannot flow together," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said today as he chaired a review meeting of 56-year-old Indus Water Treaty during which it was decided that India will "exploit to the maximum" the water of Pakistan-controlled rivers, including Jhelum, as per the water sharing pact.

Held amidst heightened tension between India and Pakistan, the meeting also decided to set up an inter-ministerial task force to go into the details and working of the Treaty with a "sense of urgency", senior government sources said.

Attended by National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar, the Water Resources Secretary, and senior PMO officials, the meeting also noted that the meeting

of Indus Water Commission can "only take place in atmosphere free of terror".

"Prime Minister Modi's message at the meeting was that 'rakt aur paani ek saath nahin beh sakta' (blood and water cannot flow together)," sources said.

Apart from deciding to exploit to the maximum the capacity of three of the rivers that are under Pakistan's control - Indus, Chenab and Jhelum—in the areas of hydro power, irrigation and storage, the meeting also agreed to review the "unilateral suspension" of 1987 Tulbul navigation project. The project was suspended in 2007.

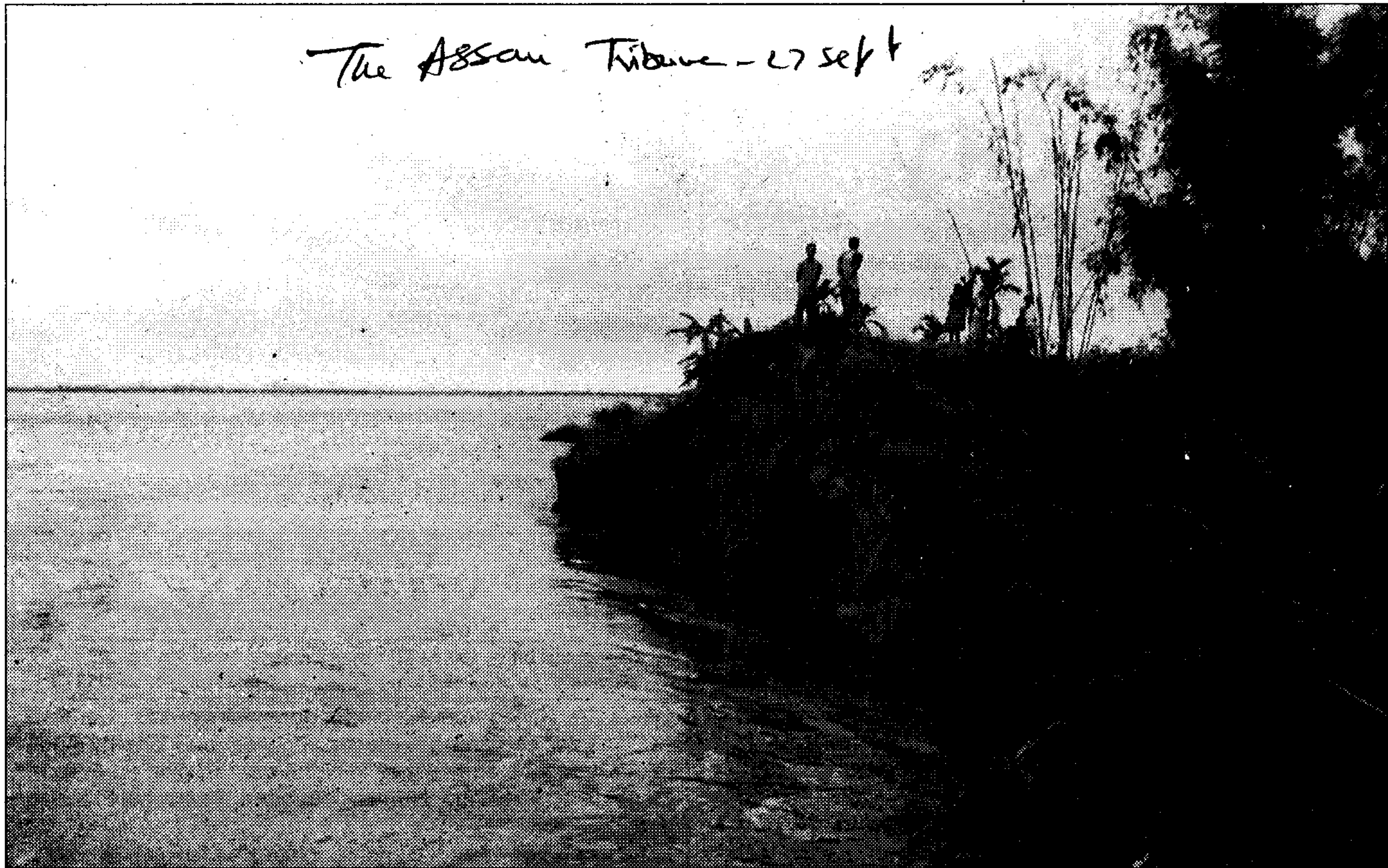
The sources asserted that the decision to maximise the water resources for irrigation will address the "pre-existing" sentiment of people of Jammu and Kashmir, who have complained in the past about the treaty not being fair to them. — PTI

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Heavy erosion by river Brahmaputra at Bhugerpar village, at Barpeta on Sunday. - UB Photos

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Karnataka Oppn parties stand against release of Cauvery waters

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

Bengaluru, 28 September

The Opposition parties in Karnataka today unanimously expressed themselves against honouring the Supreme Court's order on the release of Cauvery waters to Tamil Nadu. Arguing that the stand should be in line with the resolution passed by the assembly and the legislative council five days ago, the parties told the Siddaramiah government that it was more important to meet the drinking water needs of the IT capital and the Cauvery basin.

The meeting followed the apex court's direction yesterday under which Karnataka is required to release 6,000 cusecs of water daily from today to its lower riparian neighbour till this Friday. The order came despite the repeated pleas of the Karnataka government which

claimed that the water in its reservoirs was at a new low and was barely enough to meet its drinking water needs.

The leaders of the Opposition parties including Mr YDutta, JDS, and Mr Jagdish Shettar, BJP, told newsmen in separate meetings "we have told chief minister Mr Siddaramiah that he should not release any water to Tamil Nadu today. We also reiterated that the resolution passed to this effect by the state's legislature on 23 September was more important."

Earlier, Mr Jayachandra, state law minister, on his part, admitted that the Opposition parties had advised the chief minister against the release of Cauvery waters. He, however, refused to go into details other than stating that the Opposition also wanted the government to convey its

decision on the issue tomorrow to the Union government.

He added that the ball was now in the court of the state cabinet which would be meeting soon to take a call on the controversial issue while keeping in mind the resolution passed by the two houses.

Today's meeting was attended by the floor leaders of the two houses in addition to members of Parliament and law makers, not to mention district in-charge ministers hailing from the Cauvery basin. A section of the farmers' organisation attended the meet as well.

Mr Datta added that the water availability in Tamil Nadu was comparatively better and the ground water level too was encouraging. He said it was time to take a political decision over the contentious decision based on the will of the people.

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K'taka defies SC, defers water release

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Karnataka government deferred the release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu on Wednesday till its meeting with Union water resources minister Uma Bharati over the issue on Thursday. The move comes despite the Supreme Court's directive for releasing 6,000 cusecs of water for three days.

CM Siddaramaiah had to make a choice between the court's order and the opposition's reminder that he was bound by the assembly's resolution that said no water be released except for drinking requirements. "The BJP, JD(S) and Congress members, besides Union ministers, suggested since the legislature had passed a resolution... release of water to Tamil Nadu should be deferred till the meeting," he said. "I will apprise Bharati of the ground realities. Karnataka

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has no intention of defying the apex court's orders. We will wait for the outcome of Thursday's meeting and de-

cide the next step."

Siddaramaiah said the government may again convene a special legislature session or call an all-party meeting. The SC had asked Karnataka on Tuesday to obey its order and directed attorney general Mukul Rohatgi to facilitate a meeting between the representatives of the two states to find a solution by Friday, the next day of hearing.

Karnataka had maintained that it was not in a position to release water till December-end.

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BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 28

THE KARNATAKA government on Wednesday failed to arrive at a decision on releasing 6,000 cusecs of water from the Cauvery river to Tamil Nadu for three days as directed by the Supreme Court on September 27.

The government, instead, seemed inclined to take a decision after a meeting of the executive heads of the Karnataka and Tamil Nadu governments, convened in New Delhi on Thursday by the Centre on the directions of the Supreme Court.

The Congress government headed by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah held separate meetings with Opposition leaders and members of the state cabinet on Wednesday, as part of an

exercise to generate consensus on the course of action with respect to the Supreme Court order of September 27 to release water to Tamil Nadu till September 30.

The government concluded that water could not be released immediately in the light of a resolution passed by the Assembly on September 23. The resolution stating that no water could be released to Tamil Nadu until there is an improvement in the storage of drinking water in the Cauvery basin in Karnataka.

Wednesday's meetings saw mixed responses, with some leaders suggesting that it would be good for Karnataka to release water ahead of the meeting convened by the Centre and others suggesting that it would be better to "wait and watch".

"I will be going to Delhi tomorrow to participate in the meeting

convened by Water Resources Minister Uma Bharati. I will present the ground realities of the water position in Karnataka. Depending on what transpires at the meeting, we will take a decision on the Cauvery issue," said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah after the cabinet meeting.

"We have utmost respect for the Supreme Court, but this decision has been compelled by the fact that there is no water to release to Tamil Nadu. The water that is there is needed to meet the drinking water requirements in Karnataka," said Siddaramaiah.

"We have taken a decision not to release water for any purpose except drinking water... As per this resolution, and the advice received at the all-party meeting, we have postponed the release of water," he said.