

Mekedatu Project

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The Supreme Court recently dismissed a petition filed by Tamil Nadu to review a November 2025 decision that termed the State's challenge to Karnataka's proposed Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir cum Drinking Water project as "premature".

About Mekedatu Project

- It is a **multi-purpose (drinking water and power) project** involving the construction of a **balancing reservoir** near Kanakapura in the Ramanagara district, **Karnataka**.
- It is about **90 km away from Bengaluru** and 4 km **ahead of the border with Tamil Nadu**.
- The project is proposed at the **confluence of the Cauvery River with its tributary Arkavathi**.
- The plan involves building a 99-metre-high, 735-metre-long **concrete gravity dam**, an **underground powerhouse**, and a water conductor system.
- It will have a capacity to store 67 tmcft of water, **supplying drinking water to Bengaluru** and **generating 400 MW of power**.

- Once built, the Mokedatu dam will submerge more than 5,000 hectares of protected area in the **Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary**.
- **Issue:**
 - **Tamil Nadu**, the **lower riparian state**, has been **opposing the project**, raising apprehensions that the state would be affected if the project takes shape.
 - Tamil Nadu says, **Mokedatu area represents the last free point in Karnataka from where Cauvery water flows unrestricted into Tamil Nadu**, and the Mokedatu dam project is an attempt by Karnataka to block this free flow of water.

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