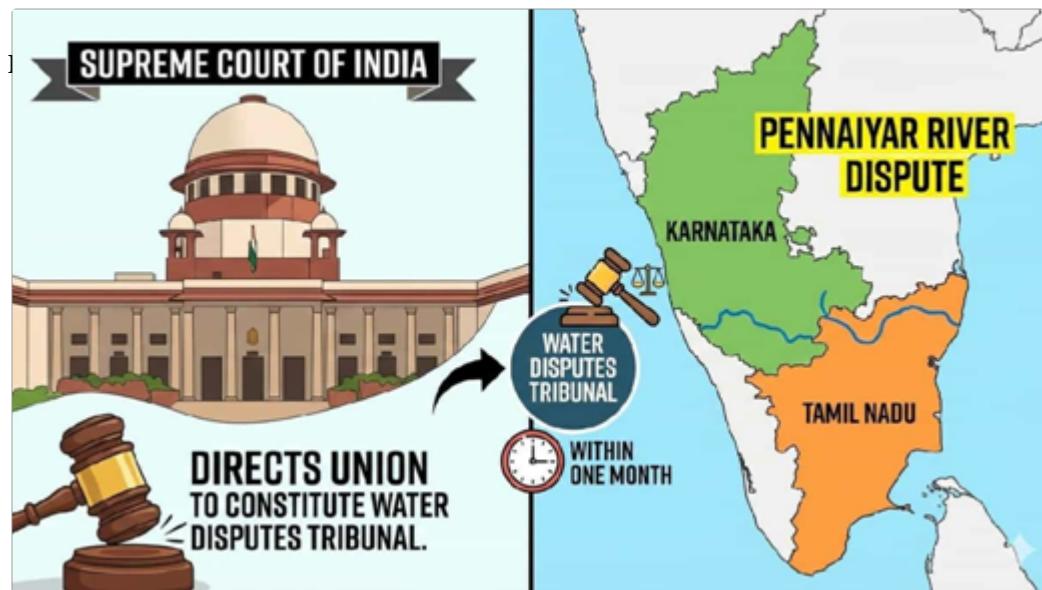




Supreme Court directs Centre to set up tribunal to settle Pennaiyar river water dispute between Tamil Nadu & Karnataka



The Supreme Court of India has directed the Central Government to set up a tribunal to resolve the long-standing Pennaiyar river water dispute between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

The court said the tribunal must be officially notified and formed within one month.

What is the Pennaiyar River Dispute?

The Pennaiyar river flows from Karnataka to Tamil Nadu.

Both states depend on this river for water, especially for farming and drinking purposes.

Why are Tamil Nadu and Karnataka fighting?

Karnataka has built check dams and small structures on the river to store and use water within its state.

Tamil Nadu says these structures reduce the natural flow of water reaching its areas.

Because of less water, Tamil Nadu farmers face irrigation problems, especially during dry seasons.

What does Tamil Nadu want?

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Tamil Nadwants:

Fair sharing of river water.

Control or regulation on Karnataka's construction activities on the river.

What does Karnataka say?

Karnataka argues that:

It has the right to use river water within its territory.

The structures are for local development and water needs.

Why couldn't the states solve it themselves?

Talks and discussions between the two states failed to reach an agreement.

So, the issue went to the Supreme Court.

Way Forward:

Form the tribunal quickly as ordered by the Supreme Court.

Decide water sharing using scientific data.

Stop new water structures until the dispute is settled.

Ensure cooperation between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

Promote water-saving irrigation in both states.