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Karnataka water crisis: Due to deficit rainfall, state saves water for drinking, irrigation goes for a toss

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Bengaluru, Mysuru and 47 other towns along with 625 villages are dependent on Cauvery river. | Photo Credit: Getty

Bengaluru: Karnataka is facing severe water crisis due to a deficit in rainfall during 2018. Around 47 towns and 625 villages are completely dependant on the river Cauvery for the daily water needs as the water level in reservoirs are lower than required.

News agency ANI reported GS Srinivasa Reddy, director Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre said, Roughly there is around 41 TMC water in our dams, right now there is sufficient water for drinking. The government has strictly instructed all dam authorities to store water for drinking, it will be given for irrigation only if there is excess water.

He further added that a consequence of the deficit rainfall in the state in September (2018) onward, there is not much water in the reservoir. He also mentioned that Bengaluru, Mysuru and 47 other towns along with 625 villages are dependent on Cauvery river.

A similar situation arose in 2017 when less than 20 percent of water was left in 9 of Karnataka's 12 dams. Financial Express reported, in 2016, researchers from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) predicted this situation in Bengaluru by showcasing horrifying numbers.

The study revealed that the IT city has lost 79 percent of its water bodies and there has been an increase of 925% increase in concretisation. It revealed that 75% of city land paved while 98 percent of lakes have been encroached upon.



GS Srinivasa Reddy, director Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre: As a consequence of the deficit rainfall in the state in Sept (2018) onward, there is not much water in reservoir...Bengaluru, Mysuru & other 47 towns & 625 villages are dependent on Cauvery. (23.02)

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