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T.N. Ministers meet Union Jal Shakti Minister; reiterate opposition to Karnataka's proposed Mekedatu reservoir

CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 A delegation of Tamil Nadu Ministers on Wednesday met Union Minister for Jal Shakti C.R. Patil in New Delhi and submitted a detailed memorandum urging the Union government not to consider the Detailed Project Report (DPR) submitted by the Karnataka government for its proposed balancing reservoir project across the Cauvery at Mekedatu.

Minister for Rural Development and Water Resources N. Anand, Minister for Public Works and Sports Development Aadhav Arjuna, and Minister for School Education Rajmohan met Patil and submitted the memorandum.

Speaking to reporters at Tamil Nadu House in New Delhi after meeting the Union Minister, Anand said they had urged the Centre not to grant any approval to the Karnataka government's Mekedatu balancing reservoir proposal. He also assured that Tamil Nadu would secure its rights through legal means.

Arjuna said they had informed the Union Minister that



the 2018 Supreme Court verdict on Cauvery water sharing was final. He said it was not only a concern for Tamil Nadu but also for other riparian States such as Kerala and Puducherry.