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Trial run to release Yettinahole water to Tumakuru next week: Agriculture Minister

CHENNAI – 21 Nov, 2026 The State government is making efforts to bring the Yettinahole river to the parched district of Tumakuru for the first time next week, subject to Central approval, and to Kolar before June next year.

"As part of our commitment to bring water to Kolar, a trial run will be conducted to release water to Tumakuru. We have permission to lift water from Yettinahole only between June 15 and October 15. Water has to be stored before it is used. We are writing to the Centre to permit lifting of water for the trial run, and if permission is given, water will be brought to Tumakuru," Water Resources Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy told presspersons in Bengaluru on Friday (November 20).

He pointed out that Yettinahole water is already being released to Hassan, Chikkamagaluru and Kadur, while civil works to enable release of water to Tipturu and Gubbi in Tumakuru district have been completed. "Water will be brought to Kolar by June next year," the Minister said.



He said that ₹19,000 crore has already been spent on the project, and works on a 232 km-stretch out of 252 km have been completed.