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Palaniswami urges Vijay to raise Mekedatu issue with Congress leadership



CHENNAI – 16 Nov, 2026 AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami on Sunday (November 15, 2026) urged Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay to take up Karnataka's proposed Mekedatu dam project with the Congress leadership during his likely visit to New Delhi on Monday (November 16, 2026) and press for the implementation of Supreme Court orders on the Cauvery issue.

In a statement, Palaniswami criticised Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar for repeatedly asserting that building a dam at Mekedatu was Karnataka's right and required no one's permission. He said such remarks could create differences between the people of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

Accusing the Congress government in Karnataka of disregarding the Supreme Court verdict on water release, Palaniswami said the proposed dam would threaten irrigation in the Cauvery Delta districts and drinking water supply to 20 districts in Tamil Nadu. He urged Vijay to raise the issue with Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge.