

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF SUB-COMMITTEE BY CMC
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Cauvery Monitoring Committee (CMC) has decided to set up a sub-committee of technical experts to narrow down the differences among the basin States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the said Committee is likely to submit its report?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BHOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) In pursuance of the decision taken in the 17th Meeting of Monitoring Committee under Cauvery River Authority (CRA) held on 9th June, 2003 at New Delhi, a Sub-group of Technical Experts was constituted on 11th June, 2003 under the Chairmanship of Commissioner (PR), Ministry of Water Resources with the Technical Representatives of the States of Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and UT of Pondicherry as Members. The Sub-group of Technical Experts was required to take into consideration different views expressed by the States through their Technical Representatives and based on these, suggest Distress Sharing Formula/Formulae within four weeks from the date of its constitution for consideration and adoption of the same by the Monitoring Committee of the CRA. The Sub-group of Technical Experts has held two meetings. In the second meeting held on 7.7.2003 at New Delhi, the Technical Representative of the State of Karnataka circulated a proposal on the sharing of Cauvery waters during the situation of distress. The Chairman of the Sub-group indicated that since proposal is quite elaborate, therefore, this will require the detailed examination by the other party States as well as Central Water Commission and, therefore, requested the Technical Representatives to convey their detailed views to the Sub-group within a week's time. The comments of States of Tamil Nadu have been received on 21.7.2003. Other States have not furnished their comments.