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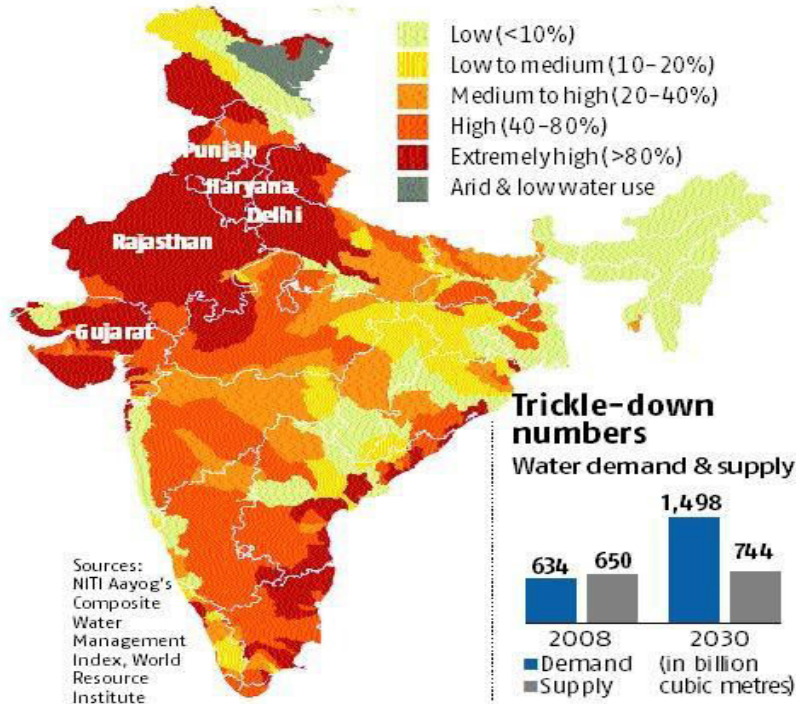


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Status of Water in India

WATER-STRESSED AREAS

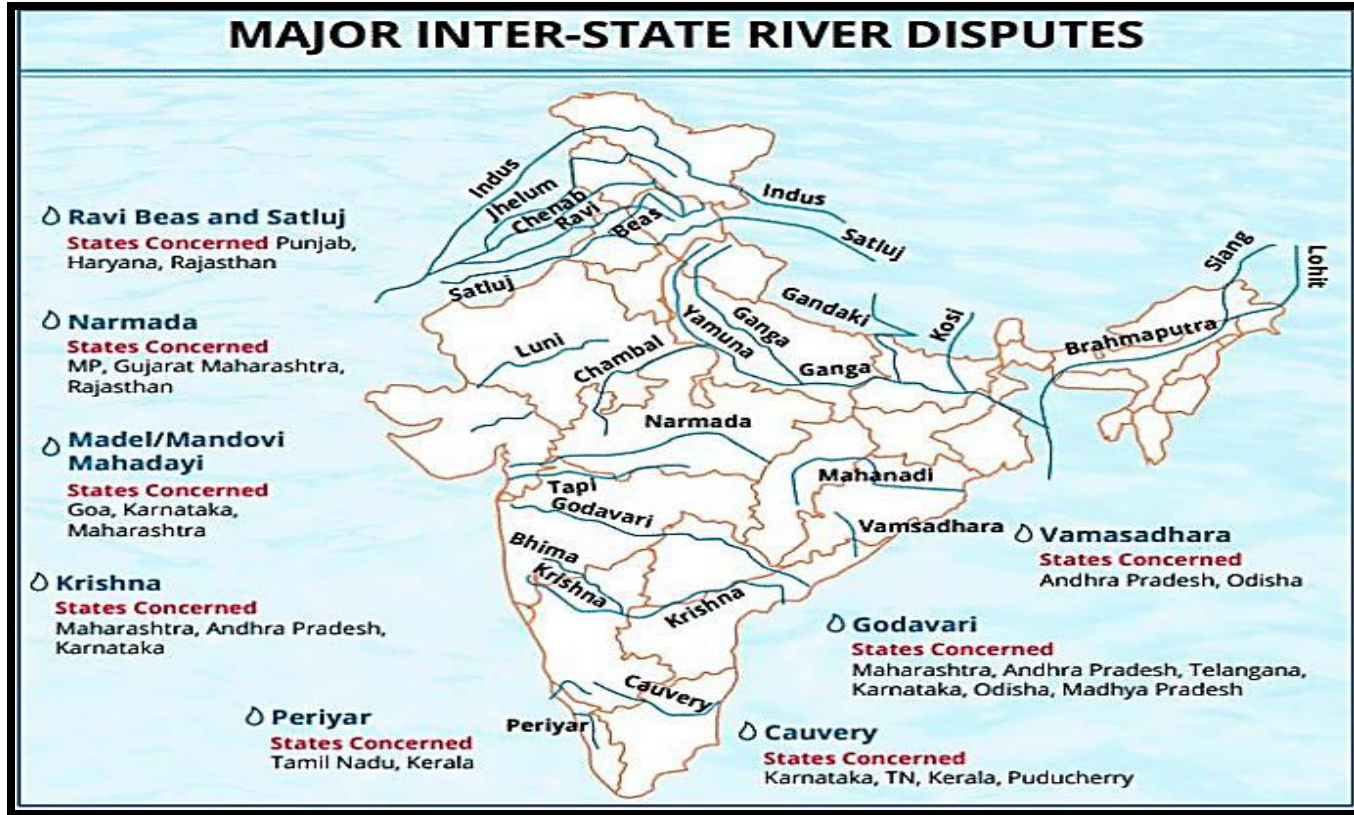


India accounts for about 2.45 per cent of world's surface area, 4 per cent of the world's water resources and about 18 per cent of world's population.

The Observation

- **Status of Water in Indian Constitution**
 - **Entry 17 of State List deals with water**
 - Ex: water supply, irrigation, canal, drainage, embankments, water storage, water power etc.
 - **Entry 56 of Union List**
 - Empowers the Union Government for the regulation and development of inter-state rivers and river valleys to the extent declared by Parliament to be expedient in the public interest.

History of Disputes



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Tribunals and their Awards

Tribunal	Year of Formation	States Involved	Current Status	Awards
Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal II	2004	Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana & Karnataka	Tribunal Term extended	Award given 2013. Some matters subjudice
Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal	2018	Chhattisgarh & Odisha	Tribunal Exists	Matter under adjudication
Mahadayi Water Disputes Tribunal	2010	Karnataka, Goa & Maharashtra	Tribunal Exists	Award given 2018. Some matters pending
Ravi & Beas Water Tribunal	1986	Rajasthan, Haryana & Punjab	Tribunal term extended	Matter subjudice
Vansadhara Water Disputes Tribunal	2010	Odisha & Andhra Pradesh	Tribunal dissolved 2022	Yet to be published

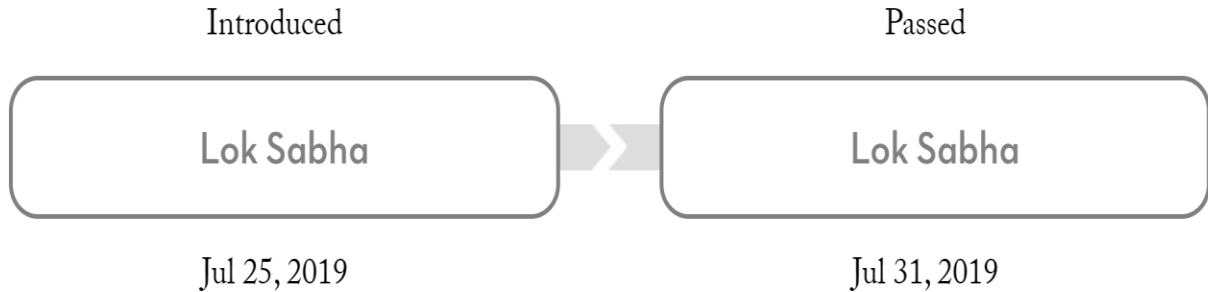
Source: Ministry of Jal Shakti, GOI

Attempt at Dispute Resolution

🏠 » Bills & Acts » Bills Parliament » Infrastructure and Environment » The Inter-State River Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill, 2019

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Ministry: Water Resources



The Big Question

**Should Water
be taken out of
the State list
and placed
under the
Concurrent list?**

How will it help?

1. Water is a critical resource

2. Resolving Interstate water disputes

3. Interlinking of Rivers

4. Bigger role to CWC

List III—Concurrent List

²[33A. Weights and measures except establishment of standards.]

34. Price control.

35. Mechanically propelled vehicles including the principles on which taxes on such vehicles are to be levied.

36. Factories.

37. Boilers.

38. Electricity.

Will it be easy?



42nd CAA 1976 transferred five subjects to Concurrent List from State List

1. Education
2. Forests
3. Weights and measures
4. Protection of wild animals and birds
5. Administration of justice



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