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Centre notifies Mahadayi Tribunal's final award

NEW DELHI/BENGALURU, Karnataka, Goa and Maharashtra. DHNS: The Union government notified the Mahadayi Water Dispute Tribunal final award on Thursday.

With this, Karnataka's long-standing demand is fulfilled and the state can implement Kalasa-Banduri project to provide drinking water to the parched Hubballi-Dharwad and Belagavi region.

As per the Interstate Water Dispute Act, the Union Jal Shakti Ministry issued notification, subject to the outcome of the final verdict of the Supreme Court on the water sharing dispute among Kar-

This will allow Karnataka to utilise 13.42 tmcft water from Mahadayi basin, while Goa and Maharashtra will receive 24 tmcft and 1.33 tmcft respectively, as per the Tribunal's award on August 14, 2018.

The notification also came a week after the Supreme Court directed the Centre in this regard.

Karnataka plans to build two mini dams across Kalasa and Banduri tributaries in Belagavi district and divert the water to Malaprabha reservoir and utilise it to provide drinking water.