

Supply of drinking water is every State's first priority: SC

The Supreme Court decision on Friday to allow an additional supply of 14.75 tmc ft. water for Karnataka is a leaf borrowed from the government's National Water Policy that drinking water requirements of a State should be placed at the highest pedestal. The Cauvery judgment authored by a three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra based the supply of water to Bengaluru on the ground that both the National Water Policy and also courts of different countries hold that drinking water should be given "first priority." "The States shall first allocate waters to satisfy vital human needs," the Supreme Court observed, while referring to international law provisions on water.

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