

**WATER MANAGEMENT SECRETARIAT - MAHAWELI AUTHORITY OF SRI LANKA**

Decisions arrived at the **Weekly Operational Meeting** held on **30<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Duration - 02<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 to 08<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Week No. - 19**

**Present**

1 Eng. (Mr). N.J. Dhanapala	Director/WMS
2 Eng.(Ms.) U. Basnayake	DD/DMD&RO
3 Eng (Mr). R.Sasanka Ranjitha	EE(OP)/CEB
4 Eng. (Mr). K.M.C.M. Kulathunga	CE/(MASL/TS)
5 Eng. (Mr). K.K. Silva	Eng(ESD)/NWS&DB

6 Eng. (Ms) K.D.L.I. Jayathilaka	IE (WM/ID)
7 Eng.(Ms). M.L. Nimanthi Manjula	DD/ WMS
8 Eng. (Mr). M.K.M. Mallawaarachchi	DD/WMS
9 Eng.(Mr). N.D. Weerasingha	CE/WMS

**(1) Power Releases**

Reservoir	Power Releases				
	Week No. -17 (2025-01-19 to 2026-01-25)			Next week (2026-02-02 to 2026-02-08)	
	Proposed /(mcm/week)	Actual		Water Release & Power Generation /(mcm/d & GWh)	Duration & Remarks
		Water Released /(mcm/week)	Power Generation /(GWh/week)		
Mausakelle	CEB Requirement	6.67	2.98	CEB Requirement	
Canyon		7.87	9.60		
Castlereigh		2.13	1.08		
Norton Pond		2.87	3.02		
Laxpana Pond		10.93	6.43		
Broadland					
Kukulegaga	Inflow Generation (17 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan ) (Average 1.15 mcm/day)			Inflow Generation (31 <sup>st</sup> Jan to 06 <sup>th</sup> Feb .) (Average 0.60 mcm/day)	Possible to Spilling - 06 <sup>th</sup> Feb (1.03 mcm)
Samanalawewa	1.50 mcm/day	9.16	6.90	0.75 mcm/day	
Udawalawa	3.58 mcm/day	24.87		3.78 mcm/day	
Upper Kotmale	Inflow Generation	2.88	3.59	Inflow Generation	Average 2.30 mcm/day
Kotmale	2.50 mcm/day (19 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan )	14.90	7.84	2.00 mcm/day	
	2.00 mcm/day (24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan )				
Polgolla	2.45 mcm/day	16.23	3.01	3.00 mcm/day	
Bowatenna	1.25 mcm/day	8.13	1.00	0.70 mcm/day	
Moragahakanda	1120 Cusec	21.19	1.98	No water release	4.00hrs to 18:00 hrs on 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan
				840 Cusec	18.00hrs on 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan to 16.00hrs on 01 <sup>st</sup> Feb
				1120 Cusec	from 16.00hrs on 01 <sup>st</sup> Feb
Victoria	8.00 mcm/day	57.97	22.30	6.00 mcm/day	
Randenigala	Rantambe Requirment	99.68	17.49	Rantambe Requirment	Average 9.70 mcm/day, w.i.e.
Rantambe	Maximize	100.14	7.48	00.00 hrs to 05.00 hrs -25MW 05.00 hrs to 07.00 hrs -50MW 07.00 hrs to 11.30 hrs -25MW 13.30 hrs to 16.00 hrs -25MW 16.00 hrs to 24.00 hrs -50MW	10.70 mcm/day Minimum & possible to increase up to 12.00 mcm/day if necessary, w.i.e.
Puhulpola	Inflow Diversion	1.45		Inflow Diversion	Average 0.20 mcm/day, (31 <sup>st</sup> Jan to 06 <sup>th</sup> Feb ),
Dayaraba	0.85 mcm/day (17 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan)	3.91		0.50 mcm/day	(31 <sup>st</sup> Jan to 06 <sup>th</sup> Feb ),
	0.95 mcm/day (21 <sup>st</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan)				

(2) *Irrigation Diversions*

<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Quantity &amp; Duration</i>	<i>Used/(mcm)</i>	<i>Allocation for Irrigation System /(mcm)</i>	<i>% of Use</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Minipe Anicut	LB	18 Cumec		145.80		
	RB	Maximum Possible				
	Downstream /Allai	Inflow				
Minipe RB	Mapakada			7.80		
	Dambarawa			7.80		
	Diyabana Oya & Sorabora	0.25 mcm/day		14.40		
Ulhitiya	Maduruoya	34 Cumec (w.i.e)				
Maduru Oya	Vakaneri	-		39.60		
Bowatenna	Dambulu Oya	400 Cusec (w.i.e.)				
	KHFC	300 Cusec				
	(i) HFC @ KH bifurcation	175 Cusec (2 <sup>nd</sup> to 04 <sup>th</sup> Feb)		34.80		
	(ii) Kandalama @ KH bifurcation	Balance				
	(iii) Huruluwewa	Balance	27.90	35.00	80%	
Kalawewa RB	Nachchaduwa	-		27.90		
	Nachchaduwa Feeder Canal	200 Cusec (05 <sup>th</sup> to 08 <sup>th</sup> Feb)				
	Thuruwila	-				
	Batuwaththa (Nachchaduwa d/s)	-				
	Tisawewa/Abayawewa	-		3.20		
Kalawewa	Ragangana	-	53.52	87.00	62%	
Nachchaduwa	Nuwarawewa	-		11.30		
Kaluganga	Moragahakanda	-				
Moragahakanda	Angamedilla / PSS	-	90.21	126.40	71%	
	Elahara Scheme	800 Cusec		116.00		
	Girithale	200 Cusec	20.87	39.60	53%	
	Minneriya	-	46.68	88.10	53%	
Minneriya	Kaudulla	-	35.79	49.90	72%	
	Kantale	250 Cusec	50.02	68.20	73%	
Kantale	Vendrason	-				
Samanalawewa	Kaltota	1.50 Cumec		49.10		
Udawalawa	Muruthawela, Track 03	-				
	Liyangastota LB (Ridiyagama)	-		47.40		
	Liyangastota RB	-		46.80		
Puhulpola	Hangiriella	0.25 Cumec				if necessary
Dayarabaa	Bathmadilla Anicut					

(3) **Irrigation Water Issues**

Reservoir	RB	LB	Other Canals	Used /(mcm)	Allocation /(mcm)	% of Use
Kalawewa	1000 Cusec (02 <sup>th</sup> to 05 <sup>th</sup> Feb) 650 Cusec (06 <sup>th</sup> Feb ) 250 Cusec (07 <sup>th</sup> Feb ) 1000 Cusec (08 <sup>th</sup> Feb )	375 Cusec (02 <sup>nd</sup> to 06 <sup>th</sup> Feb) 350 Cusec (07 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	KYE 150 Cusec (02 <sup>nd</sup> to 04 <sup>th</sup> & 08 <sup>th</sup> Feb )	222.96	300.00	74.3%
Kandalama	300 Cusec (02 <sup>nd</sup> Feb) 200 Cusec ( 03 <sup>rd</sup> to 05 <sup>th</sup> Feb) 300 Cusec (08 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	35 Cusec (02 <sup>nd</sup> , 03 <sup>rd</sup> & 08 <sup>th</sup> Feb)		27.15	40.00	67.9%
Dambulu Oya		150 Cusec (02 <sup>nd</sup> , 03 <sup>rd</sup> , 07 <sup>th</sup> & 08 <sup>th</sup> Feb)		15.55	19.50	79.7%
Rathkinda	30.32Cumec	0.45 Cumec		199.08	292.00	68.2%
Ulhitiya		8.35 Cumec				
Maduru Oya		33 Cumec		189.56	294.40	64.4%
Kaluganga	38 Cusec	43 Cusec		19.38	14.87	130.3%
Udawalawa	810 Cusec	720 Cusec		289.52	402.50	71.9%

(4) **Other important decisions in brief**

- 4.1 WMS & CEB - Issuance of a three-month rolling forecasting plan for power generation by the first week of each month and presenting the progress.
- 4.2 Next Monthly Water Panel Meeting on 06<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 9.00 am
- 4.3 DIE(Wellawaya) - No flooding at Allikotara access road causeway
- 4.4 The Kaluganga–Moragahakanda Transfer Canal is currently not in operation due to blockage with earth slip and this was informed to PD(MWSIP)
- 4.5 DD(WMS) - Present the proposed end date of water issue comparison in next weekly meeting (30<sup>th</sup> Jan)
- 4.6 PD(MWSIP) - Submitting of Mini pe anicut characteristics to WMS.
- 4.7 CEB - Possible to spilling [Kukuleganga (06<sup>th</sup> Feb)]
- 4.8 EIC(UmaOya)/CEB - Expecting spilling [Puhulpola & Dayaraba (06<sup>th</sup> Feb)]
- 4.9 ID - Submission of daily status report of Bathmadilla through WhatsApp to minimize the farmer unrest and optimize the UmaOya power generation
- 4.10 MASL, ID, CEB - Submission of expected maintenance activity scheduled for off season to plan the 2026 Yala season
- 4.11 ID, MASL & CEB - NWS&DB requested advance notice (at least 2 weeks) of any water level reduction near water intake locations for public awareness.
- 4.12 WMS - Inform possible time period to EIC(Bowatenna) to prepare the KHFC maintenance and contract works schedule
- 4.13 DIE(Wellawaya) -Take maximum flow to Handapanagala tank to avoid the water shortage in coming yala season due to low inflow at Dayaraba
- 4.14 CEB, MASL & NWS&DB - Polgolla Pool water level has to be reduced on 15<sup>th</sup> February for 8 hours to recover a submerged dredger machine.
- 4.15 NWS&DB has started sand barrier construction work at Ambathale to prevent saltwater intrusion.
- 4.16 EIC(Moragahakanda) - G2 Turbine will be shutdown for 2 days inspection from 31<sup>st</sup> Jan to 1<sup>st</sup> Feb

4.17 End dates of Maha 2025/26 Season

End Date	Scheme
4-Feb	Allai
15-Feb	Minipe LB (iii,iv), Handapanagala (LB), Handapanagala (RB), Handapanagala (FC), Uda Walawe (RB)
16-Feb	Nachchaduwa (FC), Thuruwila,
17-Feb	Nuwarawewa, Dambulu Oya,
20-Feb	Huruluwewa,
21-Feb	Liyangastota LBMC
22-Feb	Kantale, Vindrason, Kaluganga(LB), Kaluganga(RB)
23-Feb	DiayabanaOya,
25-Feb	Minipe LB (i,ii), Vahaneri, Liyangastota RBMC, Kandalama,
28-Feb	Bowathenna,
1-Mar	Uda Walawe (LB)
2-Mar	Kaltota
5-Mar	Muruthawela
6-Mar	Alikotara/KudaOya, Lunugamvehera(RB), Lunugamvehera (LB), Hangiri Ella
10-Mar	Ulhitiya/Rathkinda, Kalawewa (RB), Kalawewa (LB), Kalawewa (Yoda Ela),
12-Mar	Girithale,
13-Mar	PSS, Kaudulla,
15-Mar	Nachchaduwa, Tissawewa/Abhayawewa, KH-feeder canal
16-Mar	Minneriya,
18-Mar	Maduru Oya
20-Mar	Hattota Amuna, Mapakada,
22-Mar	Rajangana,
30-Mar	Sorabora, Dambarawa,
5-Apr	Elaheera, Neela Bemma,
2-May	Bathmadilla

4.18 Power Plant maintenance schedule

Duration	Station
04 <sup>th</sup> Aug to 03 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Moragahakanda - G3
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov to 01 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Umaoya - Unit 02
12 <sup>th</sup> Jan to 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Kukulegaga - Unit 01
27 <sup>th</sup> Jan to 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Canyon - Unit 01
27 <sup>th</sup> Jan to 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Moussakele - Unit 01

(5) Above decisions should not be violated without obtaining prior approval from the weekly water panel.

Date **2/3/2026**

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