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Water Board seeks funds from Japan agency

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HYDERABAD: The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board has approached the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for financial assistance to improve the water supply and sewerage systems in the peripheral and core areas of the Twin Cities. The system rehaul would cost about Rs 4,700 crore.

This is perhaps the first time that the HMWS&SB has approached an external funding agency such as the JICA and other institutions for taking up larger water and sewerage projects and strengthening the infrastructure in Greater Hyderabad.

The late Chief Minister Y S Rajasekhara Reddy had given a green signal last month to the HMWS&SB to pose the above projects to various funding agencies including the JICA.

The decision was taken when the State Government realised

that the funds allocated to the GHMC under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) were already exhausted and it would be difficult to get more sanctions.

Speaking to Expresso, HMWS&SB Managing Director, M T Krishna Babu said that the proposals have been put forward to JICA representatives.

The JICA informed that the said projects were deliberated and included in their 'Roll Out Plan' and informed that they are ready to process the proposals only after the consent of Department of Economic Affairs.

The Government of India (GoI) and State Government should stand as counter-guarantee for processing the projects for financial assistance.

For implementing the Outer Ring Road (ORR) and Radial Roads being taken up by the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA), the State Government has given the counter-guarantee.

He said that the Water Board had prepared Detail Project Reports (DPRs) on water supply and sewer master plan proposals by engaging consultants.

Krishna Babu said that HMWS&SB has formulated the water supply plan and DPRs for the erstwhile surrounding municipalities all totaling Rs 2,577 crore.

Seri Lingampally (Rs 430 crore), Kapra (Rs 357 crore), Quthbullapur (Rs 236 crore), Ramachandrapuram (Rs 36.45 crore), Patancheru (Rs 31 crore), Alwal (Rs 261 crore), Kukatpally (Rs 276.81 crore), L B Nagar (Rs 261 crore), Gaddianaram (Rs 36 crore), Malkajgiri (Rs 225 crore), Rajendranagar (Rs 273.59 crore) and Uppal (Rs 152 crore).

For the sewerage master plan, the total cost requirement is about Rs 1,435 crore.

This includes Kapra (Rs 241 crore), Quthbullapur (Rs 211 crore), Ramchandrapuram (Rs 50.96 crore), Patancheru (Rs 43 crore), Alwal (Rs 70 crore), Kukatpally (Rs 271 crore), L B Nagar and Gaddianaram (Rs 250 crore), Malkajgiri (Rs 145

crore) and Uppal (Rs 152 crore).

For remodelling of sewerage system in core areas of the Twin Cities excluding the Old City, Rs 688,36 crore are required. This comes in a breakup of Zone III (Rs 156 crore), Zone IV (Rs 297 crore), Zone V (Rs 71.81 crore), Zone VI (Rs 163 crore).