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## **Work on UGD project in Ullal to begin soon**

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U.T. Khader says the work on the Rs. 65.71-crore scheme will begin on January 8 or 9

The long-pending demand of Ullal residents to have underground drainage network will soon be realised with the State Government set to commence the work. “The work on this Rs. 65.71-crore project will start on January 8 or 9,” MLA U.T. Khader said here on Monday.

Under the project, the drain network would cover the Ullal Town Municipality comprising Somanath Nagar, Ashraya College in Ombattu Kere, Mukkachheri, Silvenia Tiles Factory, Kotepura, Mastikatte, Mogavira Patna, Old Fort, Manchila, Thokkotu, Kallapu, Hosagadde and Gandhi.

## **Two treatment plants**

There will be 77.94-km sewer line and 2,562 manholes. Two wastewater treatment plants will come up at Kallapu Burdhu and Purthu respectively.

Mr. Khader said Ullal town had been divided into 12 zones.

While the first three zones comprised areas coming along the Ullal beach, the remaining zones were on the either side of the national highway from Mangalore to Talpady.

The MLA said while specialised PVC and RCC pipes would be used for the sewage lines, the manholes would be pre-cast ones.

The agency had been told to restore the road to the original state after laying the sewage lines and manholes. Of Rs. 65 crore, Rs. 18.93 crore had been earmarked for laying manholes and sewage line and Rs. 3 crore for acquisition of land. "There will be some resistance in giving lands," Mr. Khader said.

The MLA said the commencement of the project would meet the long-pending demand of Ullal town.

He said the project would clear the way for allotment of 490 houses constructed by the Rajiv Gandhi Rural Housing Corporation (RGRHC) under the Ashraya Scheme in Ombattukere.

The Karnataka High Court had directed the State Government to create UGD facility before proceeding on allotment of houses.

Asked whether the houses that had been built were fit for occupation, Mr. Khader was noncommittal and said: "The RGRHC officials have to inspect the site and take a decision."

Dakshina Kannada district in-charge Minister Krishna J. Palemar would be inaugurating the project. A private firm from Bangalore had been given the contract and had promised to complete the work in two years. He has appealed to the people to bear with inconvenience to be caused during the work.

- ***Ullal town divided into 12 zones for the project***
- ***First three zones located along the beach***

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