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Water Board ready to spend Rs. 100 crore to provide water

Construction of silt chambers made mandatory

Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply & Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) is ready to spend even Rs. 100 crore to provide regular drinking piped water supply to un-served areas like slums in the core city, said Managing Director M. Dana Kishore.

At a meeting with his senior officials in the Board head office, he was surprised that there were many un-served areas and dependent on tankers supply. Henceforth, new water supply lines would be laid in such areas and tankers supply would be halted, he said on Wednesday.

Initially, alternate day supply would be started and in short span, the decision of the Government to provide daily water supply would also be started, he affirmed and called for reduction of supply through tankers in the coming six months as these should be for commercial purposes only.

Mr. Kishore was confident that regular complaints of pollution, sewerage overflows, chokages should be reduced drastically with the introduction of Jetting Machines (mini air-tech).

It would also bring down the operations and maintenance expenditure once the managers concerned chalk out a daily programme for using these machines in small lanes only and a log book should be maintained on movement of these vehicles.

The MD reiterated that construction of silt chambers was mandatory for new water supply/sewerage connections and wanted at least 40 silt chambers per month in each division.

And, those already constructed should be geo-tagged within a few days.