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### **Project to end water woes ready**

Chennai, July 7: Water problems faced by the residents of tail-end areas may soon become a thing of the past. According to CMWSSB sources, the Metro Water department is in the final stages of a Rs 337 crore project which could wipe out the water woes of tail-end areas. Such areas have been identified by officials of Chennai metropolitan water supply and sewerage board (CMWSSB) as those that receive erratic water supply. The mega project is slated to be completed by 2011.

Metro Water sources pointed out that for years the city water supply was using four water distribution stations: Kilpauk, Anna Poonga, Southern Head Works and K K Nagar. However, due to the vastness of the city, tail-end areas like some parts of Velachery, Tondiarpet, Old Washermenpet, Ayanavaram, etc., did not receive adequate supply.

“To tide over the situation, CMWSSB decided to improve the existing systems as well as create 12 more additional systems. Our objective is to have water distribution system in all 16 zones, each having an independent water distribution station,” a highly-placed Metro Water official told Deccan Chronicle.

According to the official, CMWSSB identified Kannapparthidal, Vyasarpadi, Patel Nagar, Kulathur, Choolaimedu, Ekkattuthangal, Valluvarkottam, Triplicane, Pallipattu, Velachery, Mylapore and Nandanam as areas for installing additional systems and stations.

“Works on 11 water distribution systems and 12 water distribution stations have already been completed under World Bank funding. The remaining works that include the water distribution stations at Kilpauk, K K Nagar and Anna Poonga, and water distribution systems at Kilpauk, K K Nagar, Anna Poonga, Southern Head Works and Triplicane will be completed under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission funding,” said the Metro Water official.

Works on three water distribution stations will get over by 2009-end.