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- **Board commends DJB for record water production of 878 MGD**
- **Annual Budget for the financial year 2015-16 amounts to Rs. 3594.83 Crores**
- **DJB's 122th Board Meeting focuses on public welfare as its core agenda**
- **DJB to set up 31 new STPs, 27 Sewage Pumping Stations and lay 600 km of sewers**
- **Piped water supply network in 158 new colonies by end of this financial year**
- **200 km of new pipe lines to be laid and 165 km old pipe lines to be replaced**
- **8 new UGRs to be commissioned**
- **Energy Audit carried out at Haiderpur WTP to lead to annual saving of 39 million rupees**

Sh. Manish Sisodia, Dy. Chief Minister, Govt. of NCT of Delhi and Chairperson Delhi Jal Board chaired the 122<sup>th</sup> Board meeting of the Delhi Jal Board on 29th May, 2015. During the meeting, several important projects/schemes were deliberated upon and approved. Sh. Manish Sisodia, Dy. Chief Minister, Govt. of NCT of Delhi and Chairperson Delhi Jal Board applauded the strides made by the Delhi Jal Board in achieving the peak water production of 878 MGD and said " I congratulate the DJB officials for their efforts to provide better water and sewerage facilities to the residents of the city. DJB plans to set up 31 new STPs, 27 Sewage Pumping Stations and lay 600 km of sewers in the near future which will benefit a large number of people residing in the city."

With water management efficiencies being brought into the system, DJB has been able to reach a peak water production of 878 MGD, and an average water production of 870 MGD from an earlier production level of 835 MGD. This has also resulted in better water availability and an improved distribution network, benefitting a sizeable population residing in the capital city. Apart from this, DJB has achieved a major milestone in the sewerage sector where there has been a remarkable increase in the sewage treatment, from 370 MGD to 410 MGD. To provide convenience to a large section of people, DJB has extended sewerage facilities to 13 colonies.

The annual budget for the financial year 2015-16 has been passed in this meeting. The total approved Annual Budget for the Financial Year 2015-2016 amounts to Rs. 3594.83 Crores, which consists of a Plan budget of Rs. 1430 Crores while the Non-Plan Budget is of Rs. 2164.83 Crores.

The Board has agreed on the actions being taken by DJB in compliance with the directions issued by the Hon'ble NGT related to cleaning of the river Yamuna. DJB shall ensure that all its existing STPs are made to operate efficiently and upto their optimum capacity, within a timeframe of 2 months. DJB would introduce online monitoring systems at the existing STPs and the information regarding performance of the STPs would be put in the public domain for information of the public. DJB would set up 31 new STPs, 27 sewage pumping stations and lay 600 km of sewers at an estimated cost of Rs 3659 Crores. DJB, in coordination with DDA, Revenue Department and other authorities shall take possession of all the required land on which the STPs are intended to be constructed.

Some of the new initiatives in the water sector include providing piped water supply network in 158 new colonies by 31-03-2016. Further, 200 km new pipe lines will be laid and 165 km of old pipe water lines will be replaced during this year i.e. a target of 1 km per day. It is also proposed to commission 8 new Under Ground Reservoirs (UGRs) during this year at Narela, Bawana, Mangolpuri, Rohini Sector-7, Mahipalpur, Command Tank No-5, and Command Tank No-1 at Dwarka. DJB also plans to install modern Pios in public places for providing free drinking water.

In line with its policy of encouraging the use of treated effluent in irrigation, horticulture, flushing and cooling etc. to supplement the water supply this year's target has been enhanced from 142 MGD to 175 MGD. Apart from this, around 170 km of peripheral sewer line has been proposed for rehabilitation with the latest technology in order to increase the life of the conveyance system and improve its carrying capacity. Package-1 of the Interceptor Sewer Project and part of Package-2 have been commissioned, thereby diverting 30-35 MGD of sewage from the drains to Sewage Treatment Plants, which will reduce the pollution level in the river Yamuna.

The DJB accorded approval to the award of the work of providing and laying of internal/peripheral sewer lines of varying diameters in colonies of Gokulpur and Karawal Nagar constituencies, falling under the Yamuna Vihar WWTP catchment area

through Trenchless Technology, at an estimated total cost of Rs.21.60 Crores. This will significantly improve the social and environment conditions of the areas, thereby benefitting the 6.50 lakh population residing there.

The Board accorded approval to the award of work of shifting of 1500/1000 mm dia PSC water main at Benito Juarez Marg and Rao Tula Marg along the Ring Road at the proposed Venketshwar Metro Station Dhaula Kuan and Moti Bagh Metro Station at an estimated total cost of Rs. 4.39 Crores. This work has already been given administrative approval by the Board in its 118th Board Meeting.

In order to reduce the Board's expenditure on power and bring about better energy efficiency, DJB has approved the implementation of the recommendations provided in the Energy Audit carried out by M/S Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. at Phase II of the Haiderpur Water Treatment Plant(WTP). Under the proposal, M/S Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. will replace the old pump sets with high efficiency pump sets in phase II of the Haiderpur WTP. M/S Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. had conducted a survey and offered to carry out Energy Efficiency Improvements on a revenue sharing model. The audit carried out at the plant, has shown a saving potential of 5.42 million units of electricity and a monetary saving of about Rs. 39 million annually.

Taking cognisance of the fact that private vendors are cleaning the septic tanks of individual residents and throwing the septage into drain water bodies and thereby leading to pollution of river water, the Board approved the Delhi Water Board Septic Tank Waste Management Regulations 2015. Under this, the Board has proposed to regulate the cleaning of septic tanks, safe transportation and disposal of septage by providing licenses to the vendors. These licenses will be provided to the applicants who have a leak-proof, odour and spill proof transporting vehicle with a proper vacuum/suction and discharge arrangement. The license will be valid for a period of two years from the date of issue, unless revoked earlier. Further, DJB has also decided to provide intensive training for septage management and designate locations for disposal of septage so that it can get treated at its Sewage Treatment Plants.

As per the National Green Tribunal (NGT) order dated 8-05-15 regarding levy of Environmental Compensation Fee and as per the Supreme Court order that the polluter pays, a nominal monthly charge has been proposed for those people who are not paying for the sewerage services, to comply with the order. However, this is subject to approval by the NCT of Delhi. Those colonies which are sewered and are paying for sewerage services will not have to pay any extra Environmental Compensation Fee.

The approved projects reflect DJB's commitment to provide better environmental and sanitation conditions to the residents of Delhi, public welfare being the core agenda of its 122<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

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