

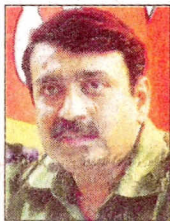
# Now, 24x7 water supply all over the city

■ Scheme to be launched from water deficient zones

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IT IS a time of rejoice for citizens as Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) has decided to provide uninterrupted water supply in the entire Orange city. The NMC is the first civic body in entire country, which is implementing this scheme in the entire city.

Standing Committee took this bold decision for implementing 24x7 water supply in all the assembly constituencies of the city. A joint venture of Veolia Water Private Limited and Vishwaraj Environment Company. The company has committee for capital expenditure of Rs 566 crore for uninterrupted water supply. The scheme will be implemented in next five years.



**Sandip Joshi**

Standing Committee Chief Sandip Joshi called it as Diwali gift for Nagpurians from Ruling Bharatiya Janata Party led Nagpur Vikas Aghadi and Shiv Sena. In a press conference, Joshi said that Nagpur Environmental Services Limited (NESL) will ink an agreement with the JVC in next four or five months. This is a historic decision for the city, he said. The committee has given contract for 25 years to the company.

It may be mentioned that Central Government has given nod to detailed project report (DPR) for PPP model of

## Scheme highlights

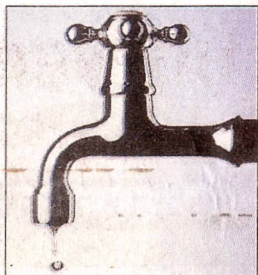
- City to get 24x7 water supply
- Water network in unauthorised layout too
- Water meter will change free of cost
- Digital photograph bill to consumers
- Water leakages will stop, old pipe line to be changed
- NMC will decide water tariff
- Agency will work on behalf of civic body
- Present employees of WWD can join NESL

24x7 water supply in February 2009. At that time, the total cost of the project is Rs 387 crore and 50 per cent amount (Rs 193 crore) of the project  
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will be borne by the Central Government while 20 per cent amount (Rs 77 crore) will be shared by the State Government. The civic body had to share Rs 116 crore in this project. However, the cost of project has increased manifold. The present cost of the project is Rs 566 crore and Central Government and State Government will share only Rs 270 crore while remaining Rs



296 crore will be contributed by the companies on behalf of NMC. Joshi made it clear that there is no privatisation of water supply in the city. The company will work as a agency on behalf of NMC. The water tariff will be decided the Civic Body. The civic body will not mortgage any property to the company, he made it clear. Standing Committee has directed Company to initiate uninterrupted water supply from those areas where supply is minimum. He said, the company will change 30 per cent rusted pipe lines of the present network. They will also change water meters free of cost and issue bill after meter reading. The Standing Committee also directed for providing photo of water bill on the lines of MSEDCL. He said, civic body has sorted out all the discrepancies surfaced in pilot project at Dharampeth. The company will also provide dummy water bill of two cycles that is for six months to the consumers who are getting average bills so that if there is any fault that can be sorted out. The company will establish a grievances cell for water consumers.

Presently, NMC is billing only 217 MLD of water while it is supplying 530 MLD water in the city. In pilot project, the contractor found out around 4000 illegal connections in Dharampeth Zone. He said, the city is having 4.75 lakh properties and only 1.75 lakh houses are having water connection.

Joshi claimed that NMC can save precious water after implementation of 24x7 scheme. The company will start technical evaluation after signing an agreement with NMC. He said, the present workforce of the Water Works Department can join NESL.