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- **Board approves hiring and O&M of 8 number jetting cum suction cum recycling sewer cleaning machines to operate in the streets including narrow lanes**
- **The Board extends rebate scheme due on accumulated arrears to all domestic consumers till 31st December 2017.**
- **The Board extends the Scheme of reduced rates of sewer and water development charges of unauthorized/ regularized colonies till 31st December 2017.**
- **Board approves the construction of 26.80ML capacity of Underground Reservoir and Booster Pumping Station at Sonia Vihar**
- **A pilot project was approved by the Board to rejuvenate water bodies receiving sewage from habitations at Ayanagar, Kair & Mitraon villages**

Sh. Arvind Kejriwal, Hon'ble Chief Minister: Delhi and Chairperson: DJB chaired the 132nd Board meeting of the Delhi Jal Board, **held on 29th September, 2017 at Delhi Secretariat.** Sh. Dinesh Mohaniya, Vice Chairperson: DJB, Sh. Keshav Chandra, CEO: DJB, members of the Board and senior officials of DJB were present in the meeting. During the meeting, the

Members of the Board deliberated upon and approved key projects/schemes to improve the water and wastewater services provided by the Board.

The Board in the wake of recent sewer deaths, has approved hiring and O&M of 8 number jetting cum suction cum recycling sewer cleaning machine to operate in the streets including narrow lanes of Delhi. As per judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court in the Writ Petition (Civil) No.583/2003 titled Safai Karamchahi Andolan and Ors. V/s Union of India & Ors, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India gave a judgement on 27.03.2014, the Board also passed the proposal for payment of differential amount short of Rs.10 lakh as compensation to the cases of accidental deaths while cleaning sewers in the past.

The Board amended the Delhi Water and Sewer (Tariff and metering) Regulation 2012, by removing the restrictions of 10 water connection in a property. However, people are advised to purchase flats only in those premises where underground reservoir are already built.

Encouraged by the massive response from the public, DJB decides to further extend the Rebate scheme of accumulated arrears as on 30th Nov, 2015 to all domestic consumers, till 31st December, 2017. All domestic consumers including group housing societies, having a functional water meters and those who will install the water meters before the closing date will be eligible under the scheme. Consumers can pay such actual arrears by December 31st 2017 in one go or through a maximum of four instalments.

The Board also extended the Scheme of reduced rates of sewer and water development charges of unauthorized/ regularized colonies, the Delhi Jal Board has decided to extend this scheme till 31st December 2017. This measure is focussed on providing convenience to consumers and the Board is encouraging more and more people to apply for new water connections to bring them into the ambit of its water and sewage network. According to the scheme, a flat rate of Rs.100/- per sq. mtr. is applicable towards water and sewer development charges in case of properties falling in D, E, F, G and H categories of unauthorized colonies being used for residential purposes, with plot area up to and including 200 sq. mtrs. for plots under domestic use categories only.

At present the area under Karawal Nagar and Mustafabad Assembly Constituencies in Trans Yamuna Area are being fed through the existing 2.2MG Sonia Vihar UGR but due to densely populated unauthorised colonies in the area, construction of 26.80ML capacity of Underground Reservoir and Booster Pumping Station at Sonia Vihar was approved which in turn will bring equitable water distribution.

Administrative approval was also received for construction of 37.10 ML capacity Master Balancing Reservoir at Palla to develop adequate storage capacity for areas in the command of existing Holambi Kalan, Bawana, Siraspur UGR/BPS. Source of water for this MBR shall be Ranneywells and Tubewells being redeveloped/augmented in the Yamuna flood plains of Palla.

In line with providing better sewerage facilities to the citizens of Delhi, DJB validated the work of rehabilitation of 1100-1200 mm diameter sewer line by trenchless method with CIPP liner; 1600-2100 mm diameter trunk sewer; 450-1600 mm diameter trunk sewer; 450-1400 mm diameter peripheral sewer; 450- 1000 mm diameter peripheral sewer; on MB Road from Batra Hospital to junction of Mathura Road; Jhilmil colony in Kondli Zone; Narwana Road, Anand Vihar & Hargovind Enclave; and Rohini, Pitampura, Shalimar Bagh, Shaktinagar area, Azadpuri and adjoining area in North- North West; Janakpuri, Tilaknagar, Patel nagar , Karol Bagh & adjoining areas in West Delhi; respectively at an estimated cost of 318.18 Crores.

For bringing about overall improvement of the waste water management system, the Board accorded approval to the proposal of providing and laying sewer lines in Madhu Vihar group of colonies in Palam Constituency falling under Dwarka WWTP; laying of sewer line in Raj Nagar Extn.II, Group of colonies in Bijwasan Constituency; laying of 900/1000/1100 mm diameter sewer line along the main Tigri Road upto Dakshin Puri SPS; laying of sewer lines in Dharampura Group of colonies in Dharampura Extn., Roshan Garden etc in Najafgarh Constituency; laying trunk sewer line in the colonies falling under the Yamuna Vihar WWTP Catchment area; providing sewerage facility in Shiv Enclave group of colonies at an estimated cost of 185.03 Crores thereby resulting in abatement of pollution in river Yamuna.

In order to rejuvenate all water bodies receiving sewage from habitations, a pilot project was approved by the Board, where water bodies at Ayanagar, Kair & Mitraon villages are being taken due to their location, topography and eco-sensitive setting etc. The above villages need small eco-friendly technology, consuming almost no power with low operation and maintenance cost i.e Wetland System.

93 water bodies were identified and taken over by DJB for decentralized sewage treatment plant. They will be used to channelize the treated effluent towards the water bodies along with the development of the surroundings so that the ground water can be recharged.

The Board gave in principal approval for setting up of Mohalla clinic on 348 locations on DJB's land within the NCT of Delhi.
