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- **Solar power production gets a major boost in the city with 16MW project in DJB. 16MW of Green Energy to be produced and consumed by DJB in its plants. Path breaking Energy project in DJB launched on RESCO model.**
- **DJB to provide 100 % Late Payment Surcharge Rebate to all the consumers in the commercial category also till 30th Nov.**
- **The board to construct 70 MGD Waste Water Treatment Plant at Coronation Pillar**
- **Board recommends the Legal new water connection to jhuggi jhopri dwellers to save water and its pipelines to the state government, known as “DJB Jan Adhikar Connection”**

Sh. Kapil Mishra, Hon'ble Chairperson, Delhi Jal Board and Minister of Water, Govt. of NCT of Delhi chaired the 128th Board meeting, **held on 29th August, 2016** in the presence of senior officials of DJB. During the meeting, the Members of the Board deliberated upon and approved key projects/schemes to benefit the citizens of Delhi.

Delhi Jal Board is spending a huge amount every year on the electricity bill. In order to reduce this expenditure, DJB has installed grid connected rooftop solar PVC System on its Installations on 3 phases thereby saving around Rs. 720 Lacs. The project will be built on RESCO model in which the cost of per unit of power is Rs 4.94/- for 25 years. At present Delhi Jal Board is paying Rs 8.46/unit to the discoms for running its water and sewage treatment plants. It is not only a major step towards expenditure control but also will go a long way in the production of green energy in the city.

DJB has now decided to give 100 percent LPSC(Late Payment Surcharge) rebate as on 31 July to all commercial consumers till 30th Nov, 2016. All commercial consumers (individual and bulk) of DJB having a functional water meter and those consumers who will install the water meter before the closing date will be eligible under the scheme. Commercial consumers can pay such actual arrears by 30th November, 2016 in one go or through a maximum of four instalments. However, LPSC rebate would be admissible only after payment of full principal arrears/ dues by 30-11-2016. The scheme will also be applicable to those consumers who were in the erstwhile mixed category and were later categorised as domestic category after the abolition of mixed category. The change in the category was considered based upon the intensity of use of water. LPSC rebate worth 1100 Cr has been given which will benefit around 1.25 Lacs consumers.

For bringing about overall improvement of the sewerage system, the Board has accorded approval to the proposal for the construction of the 70 MGD Waste Water Treatment Plant with 10 years Operation and Maintenance on DBO basis at Coronation Pillar. This WWTP will cater to the sewage treatment requirement of the areas in the command of Coronation Pillar drainage zone and production of good quality treated effluent leading to abatement of pollution in the River.

The Board gave administrative approval to the work of laying internal and peripheral sewer line in Bhupender Singh Nagar group of colonies under Keshopur WWTP Catchment area in Delhi at a total estimated cost of 7.61 Cr. The improved sewage conditions of the area will gradually reduce pollution in Najafgarh Drain. The Board also accorded approval to the work of laying sewer lines with HDPE lining by micro-tunnelling and construction of 12 no. of Brick masonry manholes of 2400 mm dia in Akshay Urja Bhawan near JLN Metro Station at an estimated cost of Rs. 12.49 Crores. Further, the Board has also approved the work of providing and laying peripheral sewer line in Sangam Vihar Group of colonies in Okhla Drainage Zone at a total cost of Rs. 8.71 Crores.

The Board has drawn a leaf out of "Electricity Act, 2003", and recognised the need to grant water connections to prospective consumers irrespective of their residential status. Denial of legal connection to an applicant not only increases Non revenue water (NRW) but also damages the pipelines because of the unscientific tappings. The new policy will make it extremely easier for the residents to get legal connections. The new category of connection will be known as "DJB Jan Adhikar Connection".

The Board also deliberated upon the proposal to grant water and Sewage connections in the basement. An expert committee has examined the proposal and found the feasibility of this proposal subject to necessary arrangements to be made by the consumers in their premises for basement connections.

In the interest of its employees, the Board gave their consent for the implementation of recommendation of 7th pay commission to its employees and Pensioners/ Family pensioners.
