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Open the tap to greet Cauvery in Sept

newly added bbmp areas will get cauvery water by next month end, says bwssb minister

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Enlarge Image There is good news for Bangaloreans living in the newly added Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) areas: Cauvery water is set to flow from their taps by the end of September.

Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) minister Suresh Kumar on Tuesday said the Cauvery fourth stage, second phase work would be completed by August 25. Water connections and metering work for over 2 lakh homes in the erstwhile city municipal council (CMC) areas of Dasarahalli, Bommanahalli, Byatarayanapura, KR Puram and Kengeri would be done by September end. Bangalore city will get an additional 500 million litres of water per day from September with the completion of the project.

An awareness drive has been launched for the residents of these areas to get water connections. About 700 plumbers registered with the BWSSB will visit their homes and educate them about the process to be followed for getting a water connection. The residents will have to submit proof of their address, like their BESCO RR No, ration card, voter ID and an affidavit to get a water connection.

Once the meters are connected, RR number will be given to each consumer; no charges will be levied on the customers till the water is supplied. A hand bill will be supplied to them to maintain transparency in this regard. Kumar said a different water tariff has been fixed for apartments.

However, Cauvery water will not be supplied to 110 villages which merged with the BBMP. "We are looking for alternative sources of water for supplying water to these villages. A committee constituted to suggest alternative source of water will submit its report by this month end," said Kumar.

Bangalore has been getting about 15 TMC of water from the Cauvery basin for drinking. Water resources department had been requested to get at least 10 TMC more from the Cauvery basin for Bangalore, Kumar said.

Further explaining the steps taken to redress water woes of the city, the minister said efforts were on to reduce water leakage and wastage down to 20 per cent. At present, water leakage and wastage has been estimated to be between 36 and 40 per cent.



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