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Gurgaon civic body plans streetlighting, potable water facilities for 34 villages

Proper streetlighting, provision of clean drinking water and functional sewage treatment plants might still elude many of those living in urbanised Gurgaon, but may soon turn into reality for 34 villages around the Millennium City.

The Municipal Corporation of Gurgaon has engaged a private company to conduct a village-wise survey to gauge local needs.

The civic body has already ordered 140 high mast lights to be set up at the 34 villages. "The plan is to install two to six (as per requirement) high mast lights in these villages. These lights can illuminate a large area and are easier to maintain. The other benefit is that such lights offer minimum ground-level obstruction," a senior municipal official said.

The independent consultant will submit the survey report by October-end, after which village-wise planning will be carried out, the official added.

Also, the civic body plans to involve locals in the project by setting up citizen supervisory committees to oversee the work.

“We will make the final payment to the contractors only after these committees give us their approval on the work,” the officer said.

The municipal body also plans to install sewage treatment plants at 11 villages to meet the requirement for the next 30 years.

These include villages like Begampur Khatola, Sihi, Tigri and Tigra among others. Water will be recycled at these plants and used for purposes like horticulture and washing.

“It is the Haryana Urban Development Authority’s responsibility to provide sewage facilities to both the urban sectors and the adjoining villages. These 11 villages, however, have never had an STP so far. We will now connect the outflow from these villages to the main HUDA line,” chief engineer Y S Gupta said.

The municipal body also plans to provide a separate line for potable water to these villages.

“There will be two separate connections with different colour coding to differentiate between recycled and drinking water lines. We will provide the drinking water line either through the boring wells within the villages or connect with the HUDA main line,” the official said.

The projects would be functional by January at the earliest next year, the official said.

The details of cost would be worked out only after the survey report is in, but funds were not a problem, the official assured.