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SCB drinking water woes to end

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Water supplied to 8 wards once in 3 days now Revamp of road junctions to begin soon

Hyderabad: Residents of Secunderabad cantonment can hope to be delivered from shortage of drinking water which has been hounding them for quite some time.

Though the Secunderabad Cantonment Board's (SCB) has an agreement with the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) to supply 37 lakh gallons of water a day, only 27 lakh gallons a day was being released.

The water is distributed to the eight wards once in two to three days through various pump houses at Balamrai, Bowenpally, Gun Bazaar, Railway Colony, Mahendra Hills, Gunrock Enclave and Rudranagar at Lothkunta.

"We are trying to get the required amount of water to be supplied to residents. We are also looking at condition of pump houses and if need be, new pumps will be installed so that there is no delay in supplying drinking water to the residents," assured SCB's new Chief Executive Officer C. Ravindra.

Along with proper water supply, the CEO is making plans for 'incremental changes of betterment' of other civic amenities and also 'beautification' of the area in time to come. Work is to begin on revamping road junctions and setting up streetlights on main thoroughfares.

Parks

Mr. Ravindra said that new areas will be identified and developed into parks along with the help of Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority. Existing parks will be given a helping hand in maintenance . He also assured that encroachment of park lands will be reviewed and more cases will be booked under the Public Premises Prevention of Unauthorised Occupation Act. A few cases have already been booked. The CEO said he would have a fresh look into the contentious revised property tax and changes will be made accordingly.