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Raichur to get water once in two days

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It is to ensure that all 35 wards in the city get supply

Lack of storage at Rampur Water Works main reason

Leaks in Krishna rising main have hit normal supply

Raichur: The Raichur City Municipal Council at a special general body meeting here on Tuesday passed a unanimous resolution to provide drinking water supply in the city once in two days to overcome the problems faced by the citizens.

A. Mareppa, president (caretaker) of the city municipal council, who chaired the meeting, told the meeting that the lack of storage at the Rampur Water Works had affected drinking water supply to about 30 per cent of the population residing in the old city area, the station area and other adjoining localities in the city.

Even the normal water supply from the Krishna Water Works to the rest of the city has been affected owing to frequent leaks in the rising main.

Moving a proposal to provide drinking water once in two days by dividing the city into two parts, he said that it was difficult to ensure proper water supply to all localities in the city under the prevailing conditions.

Maintaining water supply once in two days would help augment water supply to all 35 wards in the city, he suggested.

Supporting the stand of Mr. Mareppa, the former president of the city municipal council and BJP councillor, M. Eranna, and other Opposition Congress members, including G. Shivamurthy, Jayanna and K. Shantappa, said that it had become inevitable to follow the suggestion made by Mr. Mareppa.

Otherwise, it was difficult to ensure water supply to the people in the slums and extensions in the city.

However, some of the ruling BJP members raised objections stating that the citizens were made to suffer without drinking water in many localities only due to the failure of the city municipality in properly handling the water situation.

The meeting passed the resolution when Mr. Eranna was able to convince the members on the need for adopting the suggestion made by Mr. Mareppa and extending cooperation to the authorities concerned in the matter.

The meeting also agreed to ensure water supply once in two days even to industrial areas to safeguard the interests of the citizens.