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BWSSB to focus on recycling water

Bangalore Urban District in-charge Minister Ramalinga Reddy on Thursday said Cauvery water is not enough to meet the demand for water in the city.

At a workshop on 'Developing Capabilities for New Sustainable Sources of Water through Reuse in Bangalore' organised here by Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), Ramalinga Reddy said, "There is an urgent need to supplement Cauvery water supply through rejuvenation of lakes, rain water harvesting and reuse of waste water."

Reddy also said the city faced acute water scarcity this year. Though BWSSB is making efforts to supply Cauvery water to the newly-added areas of the city, the problem may aggravate.

Therefore, there is a need to use treated water as an alternative source and the government will support all endeavours in this direction, he said.

Chairman of BWSSB, Gaurav Gupta, explained about the board's efforts in making recycling and reuse of water a reality in Bangalore and said: "Singapore is the pioneer in the field of recycling and reuse of water and the BWSSB has entered into an MoU with Singapore Cooperation Enterprise and TEMASK Foundation to explore the possibility of using treated water as an alternative source to meet the increasing demand for water."

Gupta also said BWSSB and Singapore Cooperation Enterprise have organised five joint workshops in pursuance of the MoU and this is the concluding workshop. These workshops were aimed at training the BWSSB in capacity-building and public outreach.

As the supply from Thippagondanahalli reservoir has reduced from its capacity of 135 MLD to hardly 35 MLD, Bangalore is totally dependent on Cauvery for all its needs.