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## Sewage treatment plants for Gulbarga

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The Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board (KUWSDB) has submitted a Rs. 13 crore proposal for diverting untreated sewage water now being let into the Bhima at a point from where drinking water for Gulbarga is drawn.

According to KUWSDB officials, who also informed Municipal Administration and Wakf Minister Qamar-ul Islam, untreated sewage was mixing with the river water near Saradagi Barrage, from where 55 MLD (million litres per day) is being lifted. The Minister visited the spot.

A blueprint has been prepared, detailing a 2.8 km-long underground pipeline, which will ensure that the sewage is let into the river far below the barrage. Expressing his concern over the problem, the Minister said it was not right that untreated sewage was being dumped into the Bhima near the point where drinking water was being lifted. He told KUWSDB

officials to find a permanent solution to the problem.

Officials suggested establishing a full-fledged sewage treatment plant at a cost of Rs. 32 crore, which could treat 32 MLD of sewage at a time.