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Mettupalayam to get UGD

Mettupalayam Municipality a few days ago passed the resolution that will help the town get an underground sewerage system and stop flow of sewage into River Bhavani. According to municipal chairman D. Satheesh Kumar, the civic body will implement the scheme at over Rs. 80 crore in all the 33 wards.

The civic body had prepared the underground drainage (UGD) project keeping in mind the sewage to be generated in 2047 and the then population – 9.40 million litres a day and 8.36 lakh people respectively.

The implementation of the UGD project would not only help the Mettupalayam Municipality but also a number of local bodies that were dependent on River Bhavani as their water source.

At present, the town generated four to five million litres sewage a day at 110 litres per capita a day basis.

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Mr. Kumar said that the civic body would take up the project with help from an international funding agency and the State Government. Its contribution would be around Rs. 9 crore. The Municipality would lay 75,642 km pipelines and built 3,169 manholes. It would also build seven lifting stations and provide connection to 12,000 households.

The collected water would reach the sewage treatment plant that the Municipality would build on the land housing the municipal compost yard. It would go in for the modified sequential batch reactor technology.

The chairman added that the civic body also decided on the one-time deposit and monthly charges. The deposit would vary from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 12,500 depending on the size of the establishment and water consumption and the monthly fee would vary from Rs. 100 to Rs. 160.