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State gets Rs. 734-crore boost under AMRUT

Funds to be used for water supply

Several places across the State would soon have better water supply and sewerage network as they are set to gain significantly under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT).

The Union Ministry of Urban Development recently sanctioned nearly Rs. 734 crore towards implementation of water supply projects in the State that would help increase coverage of piped water supply and improve quality of drinking water supplied to residents.

According to sources, projects to improve water supply in Madurai have been provided with a fund of nearly Rs. 320 crore. Under the State Annual Action Plan, places including Chennai, Kumbakonam, Madurai and urban local bodies around Chennai such as Tambaram and Pallavaram were sanctioned funds for water supply projects.

Similarly, Kumbakonam has been provided with a funding of

nearly Rs. 40 crore for sewerage and septage management projects. Residents of Salem and Tiruvannamalai would have more recreational spaces as nearly Rs. 5 crore has been sanctioned towards development of parks and open spaces.

Meanwhile, the Union Ministry has also announced that it plans to provide nearly Rs. 7,147 crore towards implementation of various developmental projects in Tamil Nadu. The funding would be used to improve stormwater drains, reduce inundation, enhance public transport facilities and provide recreational spaces, especially for children.