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## **Pudukottai municipality to take over underground drainage facilities**

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The preliminary works for handing over the underground drainage project facilities are nearing completion and the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage (TWAD) Board, the executing agency for the project, will handover them to the municipality by April.

All the works connected to the underground drainage have been completed and the sewage treatment plant will become functional once the project is commissioned.

The project implemented at an outlay of Rs. 48.16 crore

includes State government's grant of Rs.24.35 crore and municipality's share of Rs.11.76 crore. The project includes a loan component of Rs. 12.05 crore.

The project entails 158-km-long sewage lines and 5,400 manholes. The sewage treatment plant was set up on a sprawling area of 28 acres of municipality land at Pulpannai . The municipality has already relaid roads dug for burying underground pipes. A total of 15,000 domestic and commercial units would be covered under the underground drainage network, said S.A.S.Sait alias Abdul Rahman, Municipal Chairman (in-charge).

The project was discussed at length at the recent municipal meeting, and Manivelan, a DMK councillor, referred to road accidents in his wards caused due to damaged manholes and sought immediate remedial action. Mr. Sait said that municipality has taken into consideration all these shortcomings and they would be rectified. A plan to extend the facility to the newly-added wards has also been sent to the government, he added.