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Water supply once in four days

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The Municipal Corporation will supply drinking water only once in four days from February as the water level in Vaigai river has depleted and other sources are not encouraging.

Mayor V.V.Rajan Chellappa said on Friday that the drinking water supply system had to be modified in the city after taking into account the water status report on January 31.

“The storage level has come down drastically in the Vaigai. Only if we supply water once in four days, the situation can be managed for the next 90 days through the peak summer. Hence the Corporation took the decision to increase it to once in four days from the present supply of once in two days through tankers,” he said.

Simultaneously, the authorities are taking steps to sink 125 borewells in each zone of the Corporation and to augment supply from private wells. Totally 55 wells have been identified in the suburban areas and the owners will be paid on load basis.

The quota for Madurai Corporation from the Vaigai is 60 Million Litres per Day and owing to drought conditions it was scaled down to 40 Million Litres per Day.

Special fund

Mr.Chellappa said a special fund was being allocated to tackle water scarcity. The water distribution schedule for each area would be announced soon.

Corporation Commissioner Kiran Gurralla and City Engineer A. Mathuram held extensive meetings with officials to prepare a plan of action for water supply.