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New drinking water scheme for 12 habitations

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A new drinking water scheme for 12 habitations in Thiruparaithurai and Perugamani panchayats situated along the Tiruchi-Karur National Highway on the outskirts of the city has become operational.

This and a drinking water improvement scheme for Mettupalayam Town Panchayat, both implemented by the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, were inaugurated by Chief Minister Jayalalithaa through video conference from Chennai on Wednesday.

The new water scheme for the two panchayats, situated about 15 km from here, had its source at the Cauvery near Thiruparaithurai.

The scheme fulfils a felt a need of residents who had been complaining that although they were located close to the Cauvery, they were not getting water from the river while water was being pumped to distant cities and town from here.

The scheme sanctioned at an estimate of Rs. 49.56 lakh would supply about 3.01 lakh litres a day initially and 3.61 lakh litres a day in the ultimate stage.

Twelve overhead tanks have been built under the scheme, which would provide a per capita supply of 40 litres a day to a population of about 6,210 in the 12 habitations.

The water supply improvement scheme for Mettupalayam Town Panchayat is designed to supply about 4.59 lakh litres a day to a population of 9,800 in the ultimate stage by 2042.

The town panchayat gets water supply from the Thuraiyur Combined Drinking Water Supply Scheme and eight borewells.

Two new service reservoirs of 60,000 litres capacity each had been built replacing two damaged tanks, under the improvement scheme executed at a cost of Rs. 16.18 lakh.

Water would be pumped to the reservoirs from the borewells through existing pumping and distribution mains. The execution of the scheme would ensure a per capita supply of a 70 litres a day, according to TWAD officials.