

PRESS NOTE

In order to bridge the demand and supply gap and to augment water supply to Chennai City, Government of Tamil Nadu is setting up a 100 MLD capacity Sea water Desalination Plant at Kattupalli Village, Minjur and another 100 MLD Seawater Desalination Plant at Nemmeli.

The contract for execution of the Seawater Desalination Plant at Kattupalli, Minjur on DBOOT basis, was awarded to M/s. IVRCL Infrastructures and Projects Ltd., in consortium with M/s. Befesa Construcción y Tecnología Ambiental Ltd., Spain.

For this purpose, a Special Purpose Vehicle M/s. CWDL was formed by M/s. IVRCL Infrastructures and Projects Ltd., in consortium with M/s. Befesa Construcción y Tecnología Ambiental Ltd., Spain.

CMWSS Board entered into a Bulk Water Purchase Agreement (BWPA) with the Special Purpose Vehicle, M/s. Chennai Water Desalination Limited (CWDL). As per the agreement, CMWSS Board will purchase the Product Water for 25 years.

Foundation stone for this Project was laid by the Hon'ble Minister for RD & LA on 25.02.2007.

As on date, nearly 96% of the Project works have been completed and the remaining works mainly the marine works i.e. laying of inlet pipeline to draw seawater and out let pipeline to discharge reject water into the sea are under progress.

On 6.8.2009, Thiru K.S. Sripathi, I.A.S., Chief Secretary to Government of Tamilnadu visited the Desalination Plant site at Kattupalli, Minjur and inspected and reviewed the progress of various ongoing works. Dr. Niranjani Mardi, I.A.S., Secretary to Government, MA&WS Department, Thiru Shiv Das Meena, I.A.S., Managing Director, and other senior officers from CMWSSB and M/s. CWDL were also present during the inspection. During his visit, the Chief Secretary inspected the on-going dredging operation to lay pipelines in the seawater intake pumping station, pre-treatment units such as gravity settlers, Dual filters, pressure filters, Reverse Osmosis plants and post-treatment units.

The Chief Secretary also inspected the works carried out by CMWSSB for the conveyance of product water from the Desalination Plant to city distribution network such as sump cum pump house at the plant site, conveyance pipeline etc. This work is taken up under JnNURM at a cost of Rs.93.00 crores and CMWSS Board has completed the work and is ready to supply the water to the city once the desalination plant is completed.

During the Chief Secretary's inspection, the company M/s. CWDL informed that all the works pertaining to the desalination plant including marine works will be completed and the plant will be commissioned and 100 MLD of water will be supplied to Chennai Metrowater by 02-10-2009.

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