

**METRO WATER INTENSIFIES QUALITY SURVEILLANCE**

The R.K. Nagar Constituency consists of Old Washermenpet, New Washermenpet, Korukkupet, Tondiarpet and Part of Kodungaiyur which cover Corporation Divisions 3 to 13. The total number of streets in these 11 divisions are 831. Water is supplied to these streets from the Patel Nagar Water Distribution Station. Ezhil Nagar in Division 10 is at the tail end of the Patel Nagar Distribution System and hence whenever there is a fluctuation in water supply, piped supply is affected in Ezhil Nagar area. Hence 129 nos. of 3000 ltrs. capacity tanks have been installed in Ezhil Nagar area and 43 tanker trips are made to supply water to these tanks.

On 05.08.2009 and 06.08.2009 the water samples were from 146 locations namely Nethaji Nagar, Patel Nagar, Sanjai Gandhi Nagar, Vinobha Nagar, Indra Gandhi Nagar, Rajasekar Nagar, Kannagi Nagar, Karumariamman Nagar, Ezhil Nagar, Cherian Nagar, V.O.C. Nagar, Market Forum, Thilagar Nagar, Seniamman Koil Street, K.G. Garden, Kamaraj Nagar, Karunesan Nagar, Old Washermenpet area etc. The residual chlorine level in the water samples are more than the prescribed limit of 0.20 PPM except in 2 streets namely Ezhil Nagar 'A' Block 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Kannagi Nagar 4<sup>th</sup> Street where the residual chlorine level is shown as trace. The water main in the above 2 streets namely Ezhil Nagar 'A' Block 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Kannagi Nagar 4<sup>th</sup> Street have been isolated to identify the source of pollution and as an alternative, water is being supplied through tanker lorries.

Further, in these areas, 530 nos. of 3000 ltrs. capacity tanks have been installed and 188 tanker trips are made daily through mobile tankers to fill up these tanks. In addition to this, 118 tanker trips are made daily for street supply.

The Quality Assurance Wing as well as Operation and Maintenance Wing of C.M.W.S.S. Board have also intensified quality surveillance. Two mobile laboratories have also been deputed in the locality for testing the water on the spot. Piped water supply will be resumed after eliminating the source of pollution. Till such time water supply will be made through mobile tankers.

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