

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DRINKING WATER PROJECT FOR CHENNAI CITY
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for setting up of a 300 MLD desalination based drinking water project for Chennai City;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made for its establishment;
- (c) the details of the cost of this project including the finance provided by the Central and State Government of Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) the time by which the proposed project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)&(b): A Project concept note was submitted by Government of Tamil Nadu in April, 2004 for setting up a desalination plant at Minjur (near Chennai) with a total capacity of 300 mld at an estimated cost of Rs. 1750 crore. Government of Tamil Nadu informed in December, 2004 that Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB) would implement the project on Design, Build, Own, Operate and Transfer (DBOOT) basis on public private partnership model. According to the information furnished by Government of Tamil Nadu, CMWSSB has entered into a bulk water purchase agreement with M/s. IVRCL in association with M/s BEFESA Construction Y Tecnologia Ambiental, Spain for setting up of a 100 mld sea water desalination plant on DBOOT basis.

(c): It has been indicated by the Government of Tamil Nadu that the entire capital investment will be borne by the company and there will be no financial liability to the Government or CMWSSB. Total cost of the proposal as estimated by the company is of the order of Rs.500 crore.

It has been reported by CMWSSB that as per present schedule water is likely to be available from this project by June, 2007.