

**CHIEF MINISTER'S OFFICE
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Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao has instructed the officials concerned to divide Mission Bhagiratha works into two parts and Part 1 should be completed by December 31 this year and the Part 2 after six months. The CM also instructed that the teething troubles like leakage of the pipelines, Pipelines breaking down due to the pressure of water, problems with the valves are going to occur when the supply of water begins and they should be attended to then and there. He termed Mission Bhagiratha programme as an engineering wonder and said that it would be remembered for the lifetime. It is a proud moment for everyone that the works on Mission Bhagiratha, which is going to be a role model programme in the country, has been completed in a record time. There is no other programme in the country that provides pure drinking water to 25,000 Habitations. This is the reason why several States and NITI Aayog have appreciated Mission Bhagiratha. Many states have studied the programme to implement them in the respective states.

The Chief Minister on Saturday has reviewed Mission Bhagiratha Programmes in Pragathi Bhavan. Deputy CM Sri Kadiyam Srihari, Minister Sri Jogu Ramanna, Government's Chief Advisor Sri Rajiv Sharma, Mission Bhagiratha Vice Chairman Sri Vemula Prashanth Reddy, MP Sri Jithender Reddy, Chief Secretary Sri SP Singh, CMO officials Ms. Shanti Kumari, Ms. Smita Sabharwal, Mission Bhagiratha E-in-C Sri Surender Reddy, Advisor Sri Gnaneshwar, Consultant Sri Manohar Babu, CEs Sri Jagan Mohan, Sri Vijay Prakash, Sri Krupakar, OSD Sri Satyapal and others participated.

The CM instructed that under Part 1, 25,000 Habitations should get purified river water as drinking water by December end as a New Year's gift. He said that there would be some problems for the next few months when once water is supplied through the pipelines and they should be attended to as Part 1 programmes and under Part 2 all the internal works should be done to fix taps to each and every household. He said Part 2 works are also to be completed in the first half of 2018. The CM said there would be problems too while supplying water through the internal pipeline and through individual taps and they also should be attended then and there. He said no one should get scared when pipelines leak, damaged and there will be problems with the valves. He reminded that when this programme was implemented in Gajwel, small problems persisted for a couple of months.

As part of the review, the CM examined works taken up all over the State under Mission Bhagiratha through Google Maps. He inquired about the problems cropped up at what places and why. The CM also reviewed the progress made in the construction of Intake wells, Water treatment Plants, OHBRs, laying of the pipelines, electric motor works, district-wise and segment-wise. In this context, the officials have informed the CM that drinking water has already been supplied to 3,431 villages of the targeted 24,225 Habitations under the programme, another 5,443 villages by October end and 6,006 villages by November end and by December end the remaining 9,345 villages will be supplied the drinking water. They said along with the pipelines work, Motors are also been fixed on a fast track.

CM congratulates the Electricity Board

The CM has congratulated the electricity department for making the arrangements to supply the required power supply to the Mission Bhagiratha programme. TS Genco, Transco CMD Sri D. Prabhakar Rao has informed the CM that all the works on Mission Bhagiratha would be completed by October 2. The CM has congratulated the Genco CMD over the phone as they have completed the works two months in advance though the target set for them is Dec 31, 2017. Sri Prabhakar Rao said that at an estimated cost of Rs. 300 Crore, works such as the construction of Sub Stations, arranging the power cables, installing the Transformers were done. He informed CM that to supply 221 MW uninterrupted power supply to Mission Bhagiratha, 42 Sub-stations, 1,190 KM pipeline, 87 Power transformers were put in place.

Top priority of Munugode, Devarakonda

The CM wanted the drinking water supply to be given top priority to Munugode and Devarakonda Constituencies, which are fluoride affected. In these two constituencies, the CM said works should be completed by October end and internal works should be taken forthwith. He also wanted that all the tribal Thandas, Dali Wadas, and Gond Gudems should be supplied with the drinking water cent percent.

Deputy CM's team to visit Palair

The CM has expressed his dissatisfaction over the delay in works caused in Palair Segment in the old Warangal district. He said drinking water should be supplied through Palair to 1,706 Habitations in Mahabubabad, Dornakal and Narasampet Assembly Constituencies in the old Warangal district. However, he said that the works are not going as desired. He wanted measures should be taken on a war footing to complete the works in next two months. The CM wanted a team led by Deputy CM Sri Kadiyam Srihari, Mission Bhagiratha Vice Chairman Sri Vemula Prashanth Reddy should visit Palair and have a review with the officers and working agencies.

Water to Industry through Mission Bhagiratha

The CM has instructed the officials concerned to supply purified water under Mission Bhagiratha to the Industry sector too. He wanted applications should be invited from the industries, which want the drinking water and lay a special pipeline to ensure continuous water supply. The CM said of the 80 TMC of water allocated for Mission Bhagiratha, there is a facility to supply 10 percent (8 TMC) of water to the industries. For the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad, water can be supplied to their needs from 10 TMC dedicated Reservoirs which are being constructed. Water for industries can be supplied from this source. For Municipalities, Corporations, City Panchayats water should be supplied in bulk through Mission Bhagiratha.

CPRO to CM