

## **Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Department**

*Anantapur is the second most “Arid District” in India. It is observed that only surface water is the safest and dependable source of Drinking Water for the District.*

- **OBJECTIVE:** The Department is striving to make available to all the habitants of 3339 Habitations in the district.
- **ACTIVITIES:** The activities in the department are interrelated to the departments such as, Ground Water, Power (APCPDCL & APTRANSCO), Medical & Health and Welfare departments.
- **STATUS:** There are total 3339 habitations in 1001 Gram Panchayats in the District.  
Out of these 2651 habitations are fully covered as per the National Rural Drinking Water Programme guide lines. Only 688 habitations are partly covered as per the guide lines.
- **EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE:**  
Though 2651 habitations in the district are fully covered as per water supply guide lines all of them are not covered with surface water.  
Releasing the fact that the surface water is the only safest and dependable source in the district, Sri Satya Sai Central Trust, Puttaparthi, 15 years ago has taken initiative and executed Sri Satya Sai Water Supply Project in the district to provide safe drinking water to 444 habitations through its CPWS Schemes.  
The department also in its Endeavour of providing safe drinking water has executed many CPWS Schemes to cover 967 habitations.
- **ON GOING PROJECTS:**  
The Government concerned with the distinction of 2<sup>nd</sup> most arid district for Anantapur has come forward and liberally provided with funds to cover all the habitations with surface water.  
In the process two major projects are sanctioned for the District viz.,
  1. **Neelakantapuram Sri Ramireddy Drinking Water Supply Project:**  
The project is intended to provide safe drinking water to 895 habitations in 20mandals with PABR as source, with an estimate cost of Rs.582.00Crores. Already 180 habitations are provided with water supply and the entire project will be completed in a phased manner by December, 2011.
  2. **JCNR Drinking Water Supply Project:**  
The project is intended to provide safe drinking water to 581 habitations in 19mandals with Gandikota Reservoir as source, with an estimate cost of Rs.508.00Crores. The project is taken up in phased manner and will be completed by December, 2011.

➤ **ON GOING PROGRAMME:**

1. **NRDWP:** Under this programme a total of 209 works are sanctioned with an estimate cost of Rs.888.72 lakhs. Out of this 87 works are completed and 115 works are under progress with an expenditure of Rs.25.35 lakhs incurred. The balance works will be completed by March, 2011.
2. **AJD:** Under this programme a total of 75 works are sanctioned and 72 works are completed, the balance will be completed by March, 2011.
3. **Critical Gaps:** Small components of works are pending in some of the drinking water schemes, which are otherwise complete. These works costing negligibly, compared to the cost of the total scheme are stopping the schemes to become functional. The department identified such gaps in schemes which are critical, and the District Administration taking initiative has accorded administrative sanction to complete such critical gaps from the Zilla Praja Parishad TSC (TFC) Grant.

**Phase-I** 353 works, estimate cost Rs.400.00lakhs Out of these 347 works are completed and balance 128 works will be

**Phase-II** 122 works, estimate cost Rs.203.00lakhs completed by March, 2011.

➤ **LEFT OVER MANDALS:**

After all the major and minor CPWS Schemes sanctioned are completed, only Gorantla, Somandepalli, Roddam and part of Chennekothapalli mandals, will be left to be provided with surface water. Remedies are being worked to cover these mandals also, to fulfill the dream of the department, ***'to provide safe drinking water to all'***.

➤ **SUSTAINABILITY:**

The vision of the Government of India has now taken a turning and Sustainability of source has taken emphasis, along with providing safe drinking water to all. As a part of this guide lines are released to utilize 10% of regular grant on works to improve sustainability of source such as Ooranis, Check Dams, Sub-surface Dykes etc.,

➤ **SCHOOLS:**

**Drinking Water:** Under normal programme of NRDWP proposals for providing drinking water in 619MPUP schools with an estimate cost of Rs.242.40lakhs and in 71 ZPH schools with an estimate cost of Rs.21.30lakhs are submitted.

**Sanitation:** The department has identified a need of 989 units in 503 MPUP schools and 153 units in 59 ZPH schools. The Zilla Praja Parishad has sanctioned 153 units for ZPH schools taking the high schools as top priority. These works are being executed under SSA.