

Sea Water Reverse Osmosis De-salination Plant at Nemmeli, Chennai

The Government of India has accorded approval for implementing the 100 mld capacity Sea Water Reverse Osmosis Plant at Nemmeli at an estimated cost of Rs. 908.28 crore. The total Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to be given is Rs. 871.24 crore.

The Government of India has also released a sum of Rs. 300 crore for the year 2009-10 out of which Rs. 150 crore has been released to CMWSSB by Government of Tamilnadu. The construction of the plant is expected to be completed within a period of two years and cost escalations, if any, will be borne by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

The process of evaluation of tenders for construction of the plant, the provision of requisite infrastructure to convey the product water from the Desalination Plant to the City Distribution Network, and the Project Monitoring Consultancy has been completed and letters of acceptance for all the three items of work have been issued to the successful bidders on 30/12/2009. Successful bidders for these items are M/s. VA Tech Wabag Ltd., India in consortium with M/s. IDE Technologies Ltd., Israel; M/s. Larson & Toubro Ltd.; and M/s. Mecon Ltd., in consortium with M/s. ADECCO Technologies Ltd., SOECO respectively. They have been requested to furnish their respective performance securities and append their signatures on the required contract agreements.

The progress of implementation of the scheme is being closely monitored by a High Level Committee headed by the Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu.