

GMADA ropes in German firm to set up water treatment plant

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THE GREATER Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA) on Sunday awarded a contract to a Germany-based company for setting up a water treatment plant (WTP) at Sinhpur village to augment supply of treated canal water from Bhakhra main line.

Punjab Housing and Urban Development Minister Sukhinder Singh Sarkaria said the multi-national company, Veolia (India) Pvt Ltd, would complete the construction of WTP by December 2020 and the estimated cost of the plant, which would be constructed over 33 acres of land, would be Rs 115 crore. With the construction of the water treatment plant, residents of Mohali would be supplied potable drinking water.

The minister said that GMADA would soon float a tender for lay-

ing distribution main pipeline from Kajauli waterworks. As the groundwater is depleting, tube-wells are getting ineffective. Therefore, supply of canal water has become a better option, the minister said.

At present, the city is getting approximately 15 MGD water supply on a daily basis and still there is a shortage of around 15 MGD water during the peak season. Construction of water treatment plant and laying of distribution main pipeline would fill the gap between demand and supply of potable water to the Mohali residents, the minister said.

Under fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth phases of Kajauli waterworks, there is a proposal to supply 80 MGD water for which GMADA has already laid 2,200 mm dia pipes from Kajauli head works to Sinhpur village. Of this, 40 MGD water has to be supplied to Chandigarh and equal proportion is to be given to Mohali.