



The consultants will instal flow-meters on mains at the point where water is supplied from a reservoir to a ward and at the exit point where the water goes to other wards. This will help measure the exact quantity of water that each ward receives," Srivastava said..

This will help officials know how water flows within a zone, identify spots where supply is inadequate and zero in on the reasons.

"Leaking pipes will be repaired, rehabilitated or replaced and unauthorised connections will be disconnected. The meter agency will work with the consultants while setting up the meters," he said. All existing meters will also be replaced as the new meters will give automatic readings.

The BMC has also drawn up plans to replace and rehabilitate the trunk mains, ferrying water from the lakes to the treatment plant at Bhandup, at a cost of Rs 1,000 crore over the next five years. It has also begun work on three major tunnels: Malabar Hill to Cross Maidan, Marol-Maroshi to Ruparel College and Matunga and Veravali reservoirs in Andheri (E) to Yari Road in Andheri (W).

But the administration is

<b>DRINKING PATTERN</b>	
<b>2006-'07 figures show K-E in Andheri has consumed more water than any other ward in Mumbai</b>	
WARD	CONSUMPTION
A	71.89
B	9.77
C	7.15
D	74.27
E	41.96
F-N	78.44
F-S	49.10
G-N	69.29
G-S	63.82
H-E	106.14
H-W	81.30
K-E	166.76
K-W	162.50
L	117.74
M-E	93.16
M-W	82.27
N	98.45
P-N	109.85
P-S	83.67
R-C	110.42
R-N	64.86
R-S	110.71
S	121.68
T	82.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2048.17</b>

(All figures are in million litres daily; BMC also supplies 115.61 million litres to Thane Gram Panchayat.)

yet to convince corporators. The BMC standing committee last week rejected the proposal for a water-charge scheme that would entail bigger users to pay more; members questioned how it could be implemented when almost 55 per cent of water meters were not working.

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