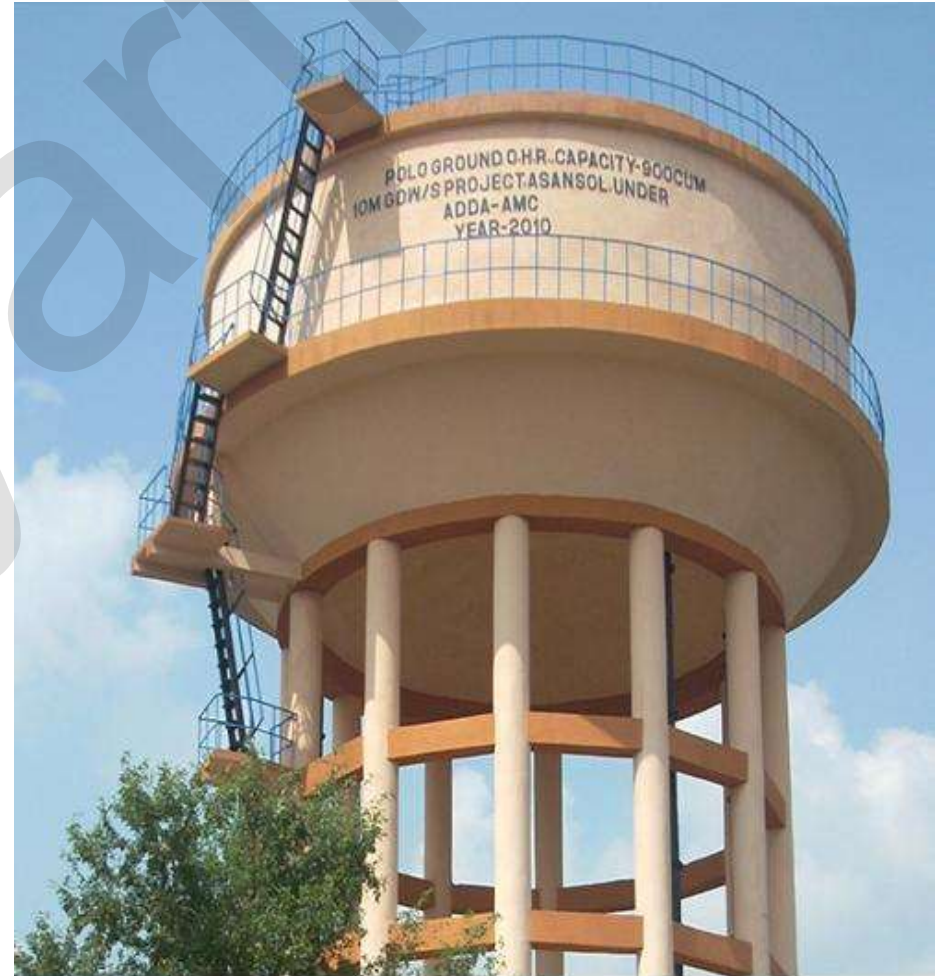


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Water and the People of Chennai:

- Gov. official Mr. Ramgopal Anna lives in Bangalore, got the full facilities of water.
- Subramanian (in apt.) gets water once in two days with bore well water spends 500-600 per month for buying water, has purified water for drinking.



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- Siva lives in madipakkam, gets water in 4 days once(for drinking Siva buys bottle water for drinking.)
- Padma lives in slum,saidatpet pays a rent of 650(got bore well water for 20 minutes twice daily.(uses for washing and drinking, have to wait hours daily.



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Water as Part of the Fundamental Rights to Life:

- Over 1600 children below age 5 die due to not having safe water(diseases- cholera,dysantrry,diarrhea.
- Safe water comes in fundamental rights article 21 (right to life) water should be given to everybody at an affordable price.



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- A villager of mahbubnagar wrote a letter to court, textile industries are making ground water into chemical poison(court sanction 25 liters of water to each person there.



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Public Facilities:

- Public transport, schools, colleges, electricity, are known as public facilities.
- Benefits can be shared by everyone, Ex school in the village can provide education.



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The Government's Role:

- Only Gov. should provide facilities to the people as other private companies will only give interest for profit.
- Private companies only provide facilities at a profitable price as others can be deprived due to not having money.
- This is not a desirable option therefore duty must be given to Gov.

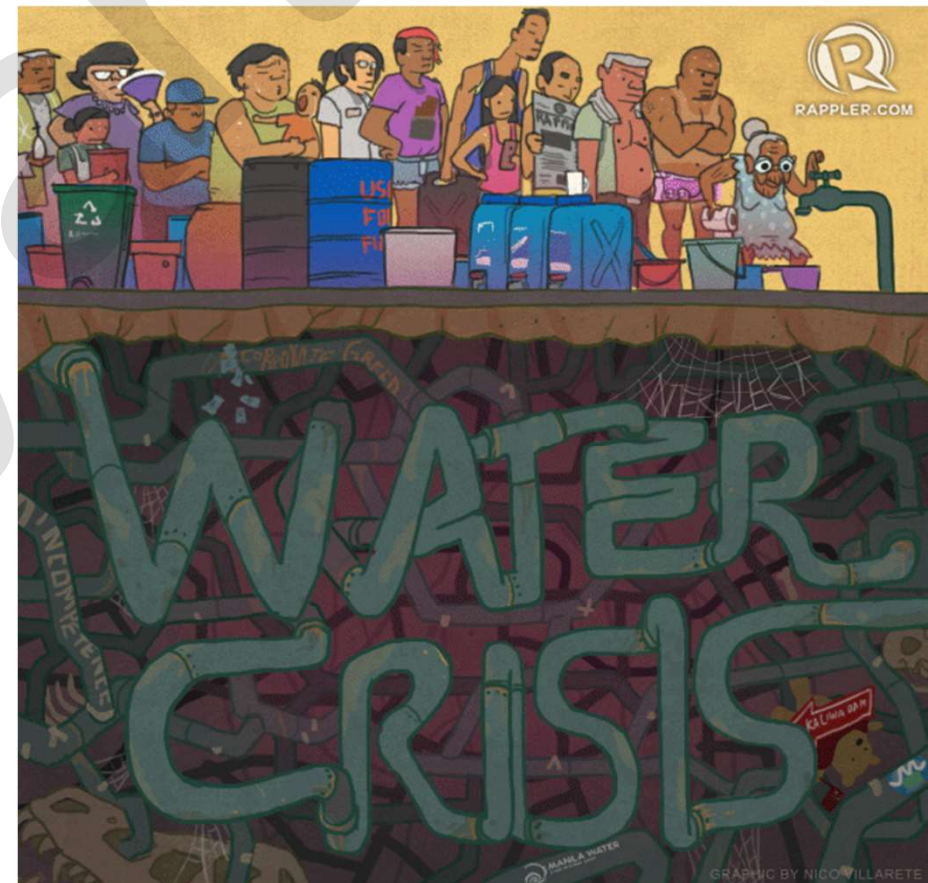


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Water supply to Chennai: is it Available to All:

- Everyone should have facilities but in reality half of the people doesn't get water.
- Middle class can cope with water shortage as they can buy water Whereas the poor's are again left.
- It seems that it is people with money can have access to water.



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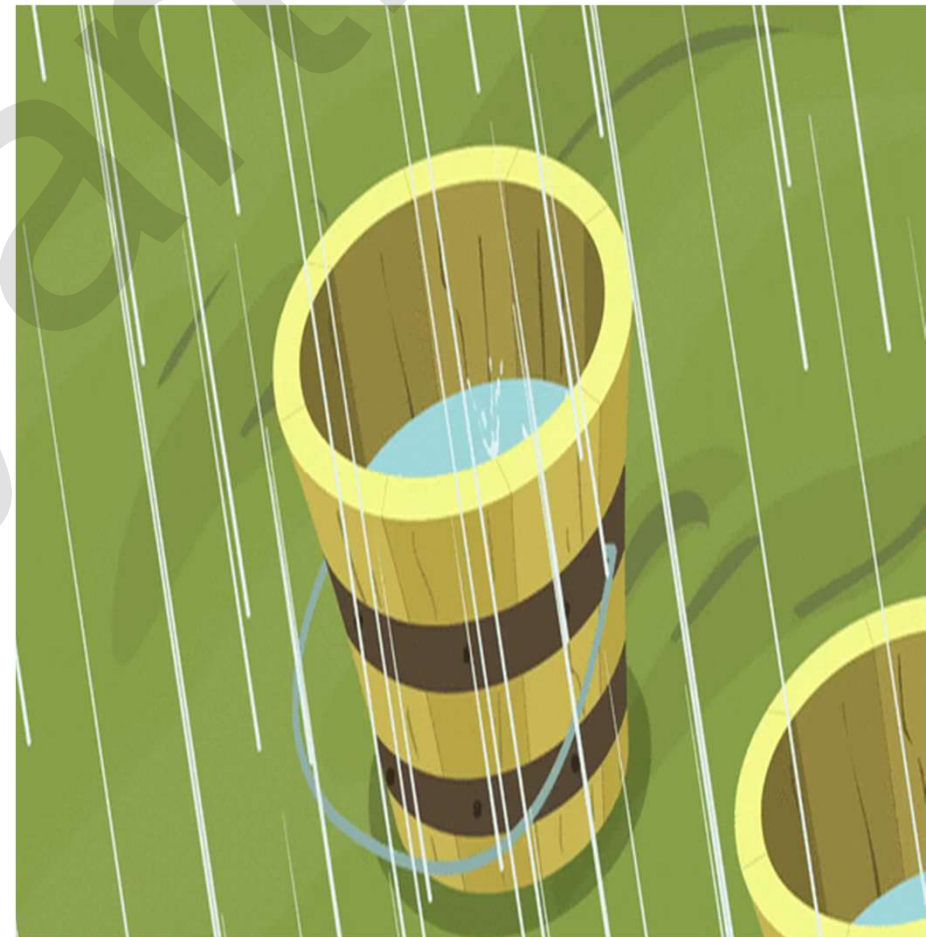
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In Search of Alternatives.

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- A person should get at least 135 liters per day(7 bucket) given only 1 bucket.
- Rich- 16,000 liters (80 bucket)
- As private companies are increasing in number and getting profit.
- Water supply work should be also given to private companies rather than Gov. and municipal.



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- In many cases private companies were handed over with water supplies but later there was a rise in price.
- In few cases of success Gov. handled goodly by initialing.
 - Rain water harvesting
 - Private companies help in transportation and distribution.
 - Improved land revenue collection.

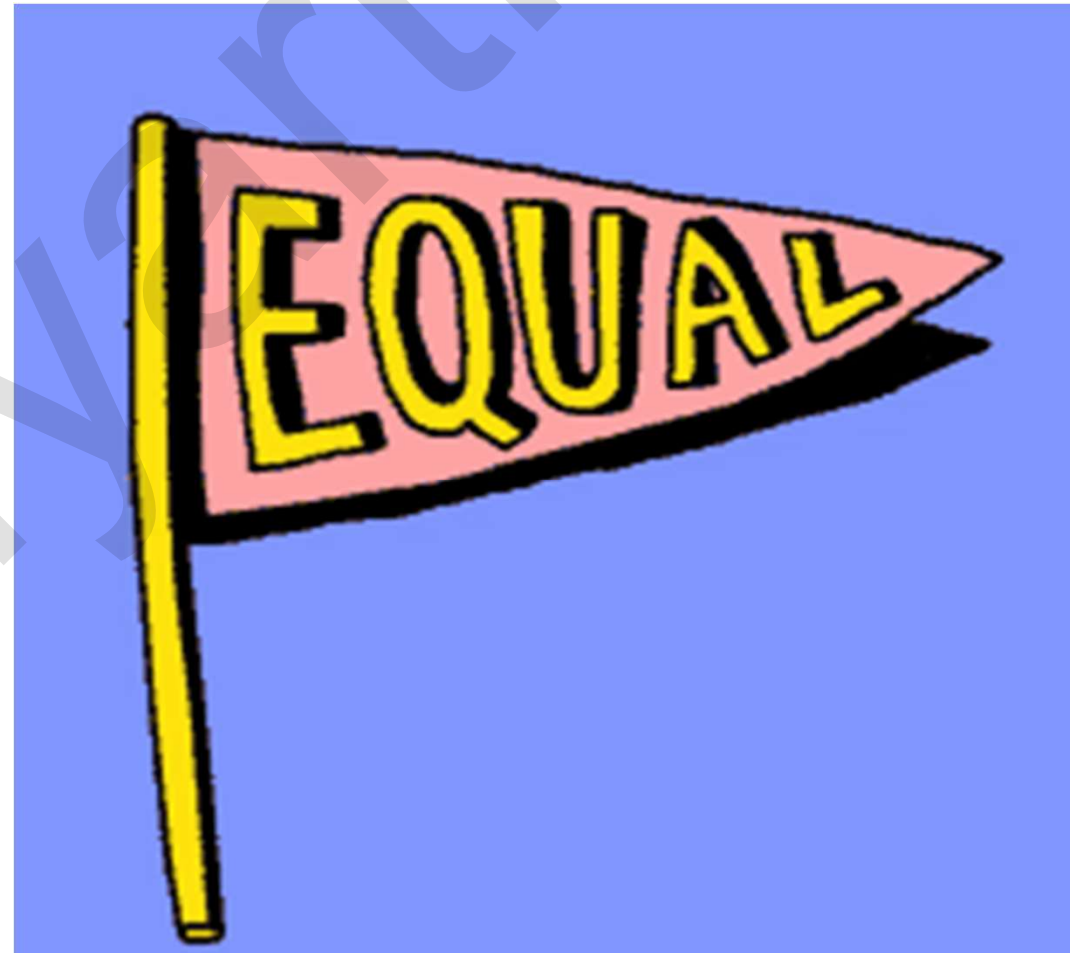


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Conclusion:

- Basic facilities should be given to everyone but its is far from the desire.
- Towns, villages are still under provided
- Facilities should be provided in an equitable manner.



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EXERCISES

Question 1.

Why do you think there are so few cases of private water supply in the world?

Answer:

Private companies work for a profit. Providing public facilities like water supply is not a profitable business. population is very high which very few private companies will be able to bear.

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Question 2.

Do you think water in Chennai is available and affordable by all? Discuss.

Answer:

Areas that are closed to the storage points get more water whereas colonies further away receive less water. The burden of shortfalls in water supply falls mostly on the poor. Areas like saidapet, mylapore, madipakkam.

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Question 3.

How is the sale of water by farmers to water dealers in Chennai affecting the local people? Do you think local people can object to such exploitation of ground water? Can the government do anything in this regard?

Answer:

Private companies use to exploit farmers by taking their ground water as they are getting deprived of irrigation in farms and the government can stop this.

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Question 4.

Why are most of the private hospitals and private schools located in major cities and not in towns or rural areas?

Answer:

Private hospital and private schools are located only in major cities as the services they offer are very costly and only the affluent city dweller will be able to afford it.

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Question 5.

Do you think the distribution of public facilities in our country is adequate and fair? Give an example of your own to explain.

Answer:

The distribution of public facilities in our country is neither adequate nor fair. If you will visit big cities you will discover all facilities but in rural areas it is absent there.