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# ₹200-cr project to resolve Faridabad's water woes

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A Rs 200 crore water supply augmentation plan has been unveiled for the city.

The Faridabad Metropolitan Development Agency (FMDA) has proposed to construct storage tanks in the shape of ponds in the bed of the Yamuna river, which passes through the eastern fringe of the district, to tackle the problem of water shortage in the city.

Revealing that there is a need of harvesting water that goes waste in many villages located in the vicinity of the Yamuna during the rainy season, an official of the FMDA said the issue was discussed at length and it was concluded that a plan be made to have dependable sources of water supply during the lean season.

According to officials, the plan envisages construction of special ponds or water tanks in the area prone to heavy water-logging and flooding in 25 to 30 villages located near the river bank. The budget for the plan could be around Rs 200 crore, it is claimed. Having



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such water bodies in the area would not only help in recharging the water table in the area, but also tackle the problem of flooding during the monsoons, it is claimed.

But according to sources, the main problem regarding the implementation of the plan is the availability of land. "The identification of the land for the project will be taken up soon," an official said, while adding that it was expected that the land would be taken on lease from panchayats of villages.

The city is currently facing shortage of over 150 MLD of water. At present, the city is getting a supply of 300 MLD of water against the demand of 450 MLD.