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New policy to prevent water waste

THE Ministry of Irrigation has worked out a new policy on the utilisation of available water resources and their development, to be submitted to the Higher Committee for Policies, for discussion within a few days, said the Minister of Irrigation, Mr. Esam Radi.

This came in an address made by the Minister yesterday at a symposium on the ideal use of water resources, which he inaugurated on behalf of Premier Ali Lutfi. The 3-day symposium is organised by the Engineers Association in collaboration with the Society for Egyptian Engineers. Mr. Radi affirmed that the Ministry

will concentrate on the use of subterranean and drainage water to meet the requirements of land reclamation projects.

He spoke of the waste of the water resources and pointed out that work has already started on a number of new projects to reduce the amount of waste. These include the use of advanced systems to realise control on the level of water, a project to develop the transport of water, and establishing specialised companies for the maintenance and administration of irrigation networks.

A study is currently being conducted on the possibility of storing the winter increase of water estimated at 4 bil-

lion cubic metres, in one of the North Delta lakes in order to benefit from this water again, instead of draining it off into the sea, said Mr. Radi.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of The Engineers' Association, Mr. Osman Ahmed Osman said that rationalising the consumption of water is considered one of the most vital and persistent topics, as we spent the past six years in a state of drought during which we consumed 75 billion cubic metres of High Dam water. He added that priority should be given to projects which do not require much water for their implementation. — GSS

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IRRIGATION

A PROJECT will begin in Aswan governorate before the end of the current year to irrigate an area of 6,300 feddans on the banks of the High Dam Lake, said Mr. Salah Shehab, Chairman of the High Dam General Authority. The project which will cost LE 14 million comprises the provision of floating pumping stations and will be completed within 36 months, added Mr. Shehab.

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Ramadan 10 City waterworks go operational

THE waterworks at Ramadan 10 City and the potable water pipeline linked to it are currently operational, said the Chairman of the Reconstruction Agency, Mr. Abdul Aziz Helmi

He added that the water pipeline which is 25 kilometre-long, extending from Ismailia canal, has a capacity of 75,000 cubic metres daily.

He said that the waterworks cost LE 40 million and includes three units to pump water through pipelines having a diameter of 1500 mm, and another unit for purification with a capacity of 1000 litres per second.

Meanwhile, four reservoirs with a capacity of 5000 cubic metres each will be constructed. — GSS.

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NDP panel probes water problems

THE National Democratic Party Medical Committee held a meeting yesterday, headed by Dr. Ahmed el-Banhwi, to discuss and review recommendations and proposals concerning investment in the potable water and sewerage sectors, scheduled in the coming five-year plan (1987-92).

The debate affirmed the necessity of developing and improving potable water in all small towns and villages throughout the country. This can be done through planning and investment schemes, so as to do without artesian wells in the Delta, and to use surface water that will be connected to pipe networks and suitable reservoirs.

As for the Nile valley, from south Giza to Aswan, subterranean wells and water will be used as these wells proved safe to use in addition to

the impossibility of carrying out surface water works in this area, and the problems of implementing sewerage systems Upper Egypt villages.

Moreover, the Medical Committee stressed the importance of defining an adequate consumption rate for individuals, of potable water, so as to exploit the Nile water quota in agricultural development project, irrigation, generating electricity and Nile navigation

The recommendations of the committee also include subsidising public sector companies with a certain proportion of investment, which are allocated for potable water and sewerage. This subsidiary will help these companies to develop the sanitary appliances industry and to import the required devices so as to keep daily consumption steady. GSS

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Funds set to boost Fayyum water supplies

FAYYUM governorate has decided to allocate an amount of LE 35 million for the implementation of a number of projects, aiming to develop services in the fields of potable water, sewerage and housing in Fayyum city, said the Governor Sarwat Attalla. All these schemes will be completed by the end of 1986.

Committees will be formed to follow up the implementation of these projects on schedule. The Governor further said that the most urgent of these enterprises, is that of establishing a new water works in Kahafa district. This will be erected beside the already existing works so as to supply the water required for the new urban expansions and to overcome the problem of water shortage in some districts of the city.

The first stage of this project has already been completed, in addition, the replacement and renovation process of the old station is currently under way. The total cost of these projects is estimated at about LE 21 million, added the Governor.

Meanwhile, Mr. Farouk Mohei Eddin, Head of Fayyum city, stated that work has already started on developing sewerage in the city at a cost of LE 13 million. — GSS