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Dar es Salaam. Tanzania expects to secure a soft of Sh1.14 trillion from the government of India for implementation of water supply projects in 26 towns, the Minister for Water, Prof Makame Mbarawa, has confirmed.

According to the minister, the government plans to hire a consultant who will conduct a survey of all the selected towns where the projects will be implemented, do comprehensive evaluation and prepare a tender document.

“We will announce the tender for the projects upon the completion of the evaluation process. Interested contractors will be invited to apply for the tender,” Prof Mbarawa told *The Citizen* yesterday.

“I want the process to hire the contractor to be completed by September this year so that the projects can start as soon as possible,” the minister said.

He added that the government wants to improve water service cover-

age up to 90 per cent and 85 per cent in urban and rural areas, respectively, by 2020.

Large projects currently underway through funds from India include the water supply project from Lake Victoria to Tabora, Nzega, Igunga and 89 villages being implemented at a cost of Sh604 billion and the Dar es Salaam-Chalinze water supply project.

The deal for the loan was first revealed by the Indian High Commissioner to Tanzania, Mr Sandeep Arya, at a ceremony to commemorate the 55th anniversary of the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme held at the Indian High Commission in Dar es

Amount in shillings that will be spent in a project to supply water from Lake Victoria to Tabora Region

604bn

Salaam on Tuesday.

The colourful event was graced by the Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Vocational Training, Prof James Mdoe, and attended by ITEC programme beneficiaries from various Tanzanian higher learning institutions, including the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT).

“There is a lot to celebrate about India-Tanzania partnership and cooperation which is becoming very substantive,” said Mr Arya.

He revealed plans by the Indian High Commission to hold an artificial limb fitment camp for about 500 people with disabilities at the Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI) in May this year in support of healthcare efforts of the government of Tanzania. Referring to the positive impact of the ITEC programme, Mr Arya said the number of Tanzanian officials and specialists who attended technical training and capacity building programmes in India last year was over 500.