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BBMP to re-survey malls, tech parks from next week

TNN | Updated: May 20, 2017, 04.45 PM IST Bengaluru: To rectify incorrect land measurement records in the property tax system, the BBMP will re-survey approximately 51 malls, 77 technology parks and thousands of major industrial units and apartment complexes. The exercise will begin from next week.

Palike officials will visit pre-identified properties to conduct the total station survey (TSS) against the measurements provided by property owners themselves under the Self-Assessment Scheme (SAS).

MK Gunashekar, chairman of the standing committee on taxation and finance, had earlier said the panel is empowered under Section 110 of the Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act 1976 to re-measure properties. As Till now, BBMP had identified 10 buildings whose owners paid lesser property tax and declared less than the actual built-up area, and recovered Rs 232 crore from them.

"Work orders have been issued and we will re-audit the establishments from next week. We have already identified certain malls, tech parks and other large properties and our officials will visit various spots to conduct the exercise. We had

announced in this year's budget that tax defaulters will be brought to book and dues will be recovered," he said.

According to taxation and finance officials, the first phase will cover only malls and tech parks; identification and re-measuring of industries and apartment complexes will be done in subsequent phases. Considering that most industries don't have multiple floors, BBMP has decided to undertake their re-measurement on its own manually, said Lakshmegowda, special officer to the taxation and finance chairman.

"We hope to start with approximately 15 of the largest properties in the city. Based on survey results, we will add more properties to the list over the next three months," he said, adding they are hoping to rack up Rs 300-500 crore in the form of tax. "The figure will become clearer once we start the work," he said.

Properties to be re-audited

-Hewlett Packard India software, Mahadevapura

-Xylem Building, Mahadevapura

-Divijaya Inks Pvt ltd, Mahadevapura

-Brigade Millenium Rose Wood Club, Puttenahalli

-Kalyani Tech Park, Doresanipalyam

-Kalyani Vesta, Doresanipalyam

(Source: Tax and finance committee, BBMP)

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"Now, people can pay at these counters and immediately get a receipt. They can identify the centre closest to their house and avail the service," said MK Gunashekar. The service is available from May 19 at AROs in Jayanagar, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Dasarahalli, Mayo Hall, CV Raman Nagar, Bommanahalli, Hoodi, Marathahalli/Whitefield and Galianjaneyaswamy Temple.