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Corporator renews demand for probe

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Belgaum: Dharaj R. Gauli, corporator belonging to the Opposition in the Belgaum City Corporation Council, has renewed his demand for an inquiry by the Lokayukta into the funds spent on the construction of the new building of the corporation in Subash Nagar in the city.

Speaking to the press after the Mayor, Yallappa Sidraj Kurbar, adjourned the corporation council meeting soon after the presentation of budget estimates for the financial year 2009-10 following a protest by both the ruling and opposition benches on the poor quality of construction here on Thursday, Mr. Gauli said the Opposition had submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister B.S. Yeddyurappa on January 19 highlighting the poor quality of work on the building.

The memorandum had also urged the Chief Minister against inaugurating the building then as it [the building] had been constructed in an illegal manner without the approval of the corporation council.

He said the construction work was awarded to Hubli-based contractor through Mysore Constructions Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore, at a cost of Rs. 5.50 crore.

However, the corporation authorities had not provided details of the plans, structural design, material used and estimated cost to the Opposition in the corporation council.

He said the stand of the Opposition stood vindicated with the ruling benches also protesting against the poor quality work.

