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## Councillors pitch for English medium corporation schools

MADURAI: Pointing out the rising demand for seats in matriculation schools among parents in the city, councillors urged the Madurai corporation to introduce English medium corporation schools during the corporation budget meeting here on Monday.

Pointing out the escalating demand for the matriculation school seats among the parents in the city, councillors have urged the corporation to introduce English medium of instruction in more corporation schools during the corporation budget meeting on Monday.

The councillors accused private matriculation schools of fleecing money from the parents due to the absence of English medium schools run by the civic body. Stressing the demand S T Jeyabalan, councillor of ward 64, urged the corporation to re-open the school at Kansamettu street which has been locked for several months and convert it into a English medium corporation school. He predicted that the enrolment of students in corporation school would be high if English becomes the medium of instruction.

M Chellam, councillor of ward 63, supporting the proposal said that the corporation had already taken some initiative on this line, but it was not carried out effectively. She also urged for the establishment of an exclusive women's college run by the corporation to serve the poor students in the city.

Replying to Chellam's suggestion, mayor V V Rajan Chellappa said that the plan was already under consideration. However, when the civic body scrutinised the possibility of establishing a self-financing college, it was found that recurring expenditure, including the salary for faculty, would be very high, which is impossible for the corporation to bear. However, the mayor promised to consider the setting up of a college with some government assistance.

On the demand for introducing English medium of education in more number of corporation schools, Suganthi Ashok, chairperson of the education committee, said that the corporation had introduced the system in five schools recently. She assured that it would be extended to more number of schools in the future.