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Corporation plans to strengthen important drainage channels

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Nelson Road in Srirangam

TIRUCHI: The Corporation has received an allocation of Rs.6.81 crore from the government under the Infrastructure Gap Filling Fund for 2009-10.

The civic body has planned to strengthen and fortify some of the important drainage channels in the city to prevent floods in the low-lying areas and also rebuild a few drainages along arterial

roads. This apart, three new blocks of residential quarters for sanitary workers would be built utilising the funds.

The Corporation would spend about Rs.75 lakh for strengthening the Kollankulam channel, which serves as an important drain from the Kollankulam tank in Edamalaipattipudur. The overflow of the tank often results in the flooding of low-lying colonies in Edamalaipattipudur and Karumandapam areas.

The civic body has also set aside Rs.50 lakh each for taking up flood prevention works along the Kathan Vaical at Ammaiappa Nagar and Thillai Nagar Rettai Vaical. Though both the channels were being desilted periodically, there have been persistent demands to put in place permanent repairs to ensure that the drains were able to carry the rainwater flow at times of monsoon. The Corporation would spend another Rs.50 lakh for flood prevention works in Jothi Nagar and Srinivasa Nagar in Ariyamangalam, two other flood-prone areas.

This apart, the Corporation would rebuild drainage channels along the East Boulevard Road, between the Gandhi Market and the Maharani Theatre at an estimated cost of Rs.70 lakh and from Bharathi Nagar to the level crossing on the same road, at an estimate of Rs.56 lakh. A new drainage channel would be built along the Nelson Road in Srirangam at a cost of Rs.25 lakh. The Corporation would spend two jet rodders at a cost of Rs.55 lakh for clearing blockades in the underground sewer system utilising the allocation, officials said.

Three blocks of residential quarters for sanitary workers, each with 12 units, would be built at a cost of Rs.66 lakh each at Poosari Street. About Rs.52 lakh would be spent for improving amenities at the sanitary workers quarters at the Poosari Street, which would include construction of a community centre and storm water drains.