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Three types of speed-breakers to come up

Chennai: Motorists who curse the bumpy speed breakers can now hope for some respite from the corporation which has decided to make motor-friendly speed-breakers.

The non-uniform speed breakers would be re-m-oved and new ones will be installed. Ch--ennai corporation had be-en receiving compla-ints reg-arding so-me sp-ee-d-br-eakers.

“Several speed-breakers set up in the city are not est-abli-hed as per Indian Road Congress gu-ide-li-nes,” the release no-ted, adding that the civic bo-dy had decided to in-stall three specific types of sp-e-ed breakers, which wo-u-l-d regulate the vehicles at a speed of 25 km, 15 km and 10 km per hour. Ro-ad tu-rns, accident-pr-o-ne zo-nes, hospital and sc-hool zo-nes will be exa-mi-n-ed.

“I welcome the corporation’s move to custo-m-ise the speed-breakers as they could be life savi-ng,” sa--id Dr V. Kanagasabai, di---r-e-ctor of medical edu-c-a--t-ion and dean of MMC.

“When a speeding vehicle hits a non-uniform speed-breaker, it could lead to an accident, resulting in injuries, particularly to the spinal cord.

“People who have undergone hip replacement surgeries and senior citizens can suffer spontaneous fractures,” Dr Kanagasabai said.

“Many of the speed-breakers are not uniformly laid and my vehicle gets severely damaged by those,” said Laxman Ramesh, a retired furnace engineer at Velachery. “I wonder whether they are ‘speed-breakers’ or ‘vehicle breakers’,” he adds.