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Coimbatore, Dec. 5: It has been more than eight months since the two housing tenements in Ammankulam sank in torrential rain, but the civic body is yet to come up with the results for soil tests at the site. In April, two blocks of housing tenements sank and tilted dangerously.

Though the two buildings were demolished soon on the advice of experts, the civic body is yet to come out with the soil-test results to allay apprehensions over the safety of the other buildings.

The apartments were constructed by the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board (TNSCB) at Ammankulam to relocate slum-dwellers from near water bodies. The buildings that sank are among 936 dwelling units constructed under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission.