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## 67,000 vie for 102 CMDA plots in Maraimalai Nagar

CHENNAI : Residential plots in Maraimalai Nagar, put on sale by the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA), are the most sought-after, if the number of applications is any indication. Monday was the last date for applications.

As many as 66,950 of the 77,725 applications received were for 102 plots in Maraimalai Nagar. According to a senior official, CMDA received 10,500 applications for 82 residential plots in Manali New Town, 250 applications for four shops at the Koyambedu wholesale market complex and 25 for 154 vacant plots at iron and steel market in Sathangadu.

There were few takers for vacant plots in Sathangadu as it is of utility only for traders in iron and steel. The number of applications for the Gudalur plots was not available.

All 25 applicants who applied for vacant plots at Sathangadu are expected to get plots as there were fewer applications than available plots. The remaining plots will be put on sale again, the official said. CMDA made 7.77 crore through a nonrefundable registration fee of 1,000 from each applicant.

Razia Begum, who applied for Maraimalai Nagar plots, said, "I applied for plots in Maramaial Nagar as it is a developing area.

There are many industrial units and Sipcot nearby. Besides, commuting to the city is easier because it is connected by road and rail.

The plots offered range from 300sqft to 3,000sqft at prices between 1.25 lakh and 25.4 lakh.

Buyers will be selected through a draw of lots on February 8.