

The New Indian Express 23.04.2010

## Final decision on Kovai Ammankulam issue soon

[Express News Service](#)

CHENNAI: The Minister for Slum Clearance Suba Thangavelan told the Assembly that a final decision on the sinking multi-storeyed apartments at Ammankulam in Coimbatore would be taken soon. The Minister's reply came after members of various parties raised the issue in the Assembly for the second consecutive day on Thursday.

Replying to the discussion on the demands for grants for his department, the Minister said, "A retired PWD chief engineer, Vijayakumar, and a retired Dean of the Anna University - Chennai, A.R. Santhakumar are conducting a detailed survey of the sinking apartment blocks being constructed by the TNSCB at Ammankulam." Once the survey was completed, a final decision would be taken on the issue, he said.

Questioning the soil tests carried out before the commencement of the project at Ammankulam, D Sudarshanam, CLP leader in the Assembly, said, "The Minister should disclose the details of structural designs prescribed by

the IIT for the housing project.”

Referring to the construction of Kilpauk Medical College Hospital that had been constructed on a similar type of land several years ago, Sudarshanam said, “We wanted to know what kind of materials were used in the project and the details of designs ought to be followed for construction such multi story houses on this type of soil.”