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Proposed tax for garbage clearance draws flak

Tamil Nadu Chamber of Commerce and Industry has opposed the Madurai Corporation's decision to levy service tax for garbage clearance.

In a press statement, N. Jegatheesan, president of the TNCCI, said a minimum of Rs.18,250 and maximum of Rs.1,82,500 had been fixed by the civic bodies for clearance of garbage every year. The tax to be imposed on lodges, hotels, marriage halls, hospitals, markets, showrooms, shopping complexes, cinema theatres, small-scale industries and commercial establishments was "ultra vires" and would force several establishments to close shutters, he stated. Mr. Jegatheesan said it was the bounden duty of the corporation to clear garbage and collection of special tax for the purpose was "unethical and untenable." He requested the Mayor and the Corporation Commissioner to withdraw the levy.