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## Corporation sets March 24 as deadline for road works

The Greater Chennai Corporation has set a revised deadline of March 24 for completion of civic works including roads.

Most of the interior roads that have already been taken up are expected to be completed next week.

However, officials at the local level have started reporting shoddy work by a few contractors who are in a hurry to complete work on time. Officials said they have asked project management consultants to improve monitoring.

After the floods, the Corporation resumed civic works in January.

The civic body set a deadline of February 29 for completion. But, most of the works were not completed because of

problems relating to encroachment removal on roads. Work on at least 4,000 interior roads is expected to be completed before the deadline.

The Corporation had relaid more than 180 bus routes before the floods.

Some of the interior roads had been damaged due to flood relief operations by heavy machinery.

“The deadline for road works has been revised. We are unable to carry out election works,” said a ward-level official of Chennai Corporation.