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Corpn. to wait for Govt. direction on illegal buildings

The fate of a few educational institutions, shopping complexes and hospitals in Coimbatore hangs in balance as the Madras High Court quashed the State Government Order allowing regularisation of illegal constructions up to July 1, 2007.

According to sources, owners of a few educational institutions, hospitals and shopping complexes applied to the Corporation for regularising illegal constructions after the Government issued an order stating that buildings that were constructed prior to July 2007 and with less than 50 per cent violation could be regularised by paying a fee.

Using the opportunity, nine owners had applied for regularisation.

The sources said that they would wait for the Government to issue instructions – to maintain status quo or initiate action against the owners for not complying with the rules. If it was to maintain a status quo, the Government would in all probability

could go in for appeal against the High Court verdict.

The sources, however, added that the Corporation would continue its action against owners of buildings who constructed the structures with violations after July 2007. Thus far, the civic body had acted on 44 instances – by placing the buildings under lock and seal and demolishing a few.