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'Clear encroachment on government buildings'



With parking lots in commercial complexes being encroached upon, motorists are forced to scramble for space in the twin cities.— File photo

As the Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation (HDMC) is all set to carry out a demolition drive against encroachment on parking places, the Association of Consulting Civil Engineers, Hubballi, has urged the corporation to begin the drive by clearing the encroachment on government and commercial buildings.

In a release, association president Suresh M. Kiresur said while issuing notices to building owners, the HDMC was

targeting residential buildings.

Residential apartments targeted

Most of the notices issued by the HDMC were to residential apartments. However, most of the government buildings and commercial buildings in busy areas such as Rani Chennamma Circle, Janata Bazar complex, swimming pool complex and P.T. Park have no parking areas.

Moreover, many zonal offices of the corporation too had no proper parking arrangements, he said.

“It is known to all that most of the commercial buildings in the city have been built encroaching upon parking slots. The HDMC should focus on such buildings first,” Mr. Kiresur said.

He said the residential apartments which had been issued notices had been earlier given completion certificates by HDMC officials.

Inspection

Mr. Kiresur asked does that mean the HDMC officials issued them completion certificates without inspection.

The association would oppose any move to target only residential buildings, he added.

Association of Consulting Civil Engineers says HDMC zonal offices too do not have proper parking arrangements