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Consumer body slams Corporation for poor building rules enforcement

: The Coimbatore Consumer Cause has slammed the Coimbatore Corporation for not implementing the building rules in letter and spirit.

In a release, the consumer body had said that the civic body had been found wanting in enforcing the rules, though the law and a Madras High Court order very clearly mandate it to seal and demolish buildings that stood in violation of rules.

The organisation's Secretary K. Kathirmathiyon said that at the time of issuing building licence, the civic body said, 'the construction should be only in accordance with the approved plan.

No electricity and water supply connection is permissible for deviated/unauthorised construction'.

Unfortunately, the civic body, without checking for violation, assessed the building for tax and then provided water connection.

This helped the building owner to apply for power connection as well.

The consumer body pointed out that, till date, the civic body had not denied water or underground drainage connection to even a single building citing violation of building rules.

This enabled unauthorised constructions of buildings without parking space to get water connection from the civic body and power connection from the Tangedco.

The Madras High Court, in its order on a case the Coimbatore Consumer Cause had filed, had clearly asked the civic body to act against such buildings.

The court has said that 'it is the responsibility of the

Corporation to ensure that no building owner, who is bound by law, fails to provide such safety measures'; he pointed out and wanted the Corporation to act against unauthorised constructions.