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## **Erode corpn. limits set for expansion**

The City Corporation is poised to have an extended geographic jurisdiction.

On Tuesday, a resolution was adopted at the Council meeting for inclusion of four panchayats in the surroundings: Mettunasuvampalayam, Kalingarayanpalayam, 46 Pudur, and Lakhapuram.

The inclusion, by virtue of which the local body will have added population, will help in securing more Central funds for development programmes.

The Corporation also decided to redraw limits of the 60 wards so as to attempt uniformity in development. There have been complaints that the progress has not been uniform in some of the wards that were carved out on the basis of segmentation by major roads.

At the Ordinary Meeting chaired by Mayor Malliga Paramasivam, members of AIADMK and DMK claimed credit for the Ooratchikottai drinking water scheme. An assertion by DMK leader in the house V.C. Natarajan that the project was ignored since it was the brainchild of his party leader M. Karunanidhi had the AIADMK members on their toes. They argued that Chief Minister Jayalalithaa was responsible for fructification of the project. The Mayor said the scheme will be implemented under the AMRUT (Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation) scheme.

The newly elected Erode East MLA K.S. Thennarasu, who took part in the meeting, announced that the work on the major drinking water project will be carried out at an expenditure of Rs. 484 crore soon.

Mr. Thennarasu also exuded confidence that financial allocation for the traffic island and flyover projects at GH Junction will be made in the forthcoming session of the Assembly.