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## **Building plan approval process decentralised**

### **Aimed at reducing pendency at Corporation's main office**

Corporation Commissioner Sandeep Nanduri has informed that applicants seeking approval for building plan can submit them with the respective zones.

On an average, the Corporation received 75 to 100 building plans every month seeking approval. The applicants were submitting them at the main office. As there were delays in processing them due to a number of procedures, the Commissioner, after holding meeting with his officials, decided to decentralise the process.

It was decided at the meeting that building plans seeking approval for 1,000 square feet of commercial undertakings and 1,500 square feet of residential property can submit their applications at the respective zones. Those who want to construct above these measurements should submit their application for approval at the main office at Anna Maaligai.

An official at the Town and Country Planning wing said applicants who built dwellings within 1,500 square feet had to get approvals for getting home loans from financial institutions. In a bid to facilitate such applicants, the Corporation had taken the decision and entrusted the task of giving approval by the respective Assistant Commissioners of the zones. By delegating the responsibility, the pendency could be reduced and delay avoided.

However, major buildings, which sought approval for larger carpet area, had to file applications with the main office for ratification, he said.