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Belgaum: The Chairman of the Standing Committee for Taxation, Finance and Appeals, Pandhari P. Parab, presented a surplus budget of Rs. 616.16 lakh for the Belgaum City Corporation (BCC) here on Thursday.

However, Mayor Yallappa Sidraj Kubar adjourned the meeting to June 29 at the old building of the corporation when corporators from ruling and opposition groups staged a protest over poor quality of construction work on the new corporation building. The corporators got angry when the budget speech of Mr. Parab became inaudible as it was echoing.

Presenting a revised budget of 2008-09 and estimates for 2009-10 at the corporation council's first meeting for this financial year, Mr. Parab proposed to raise Rs. 9,697.04 lakh of revenue receipts and Rs. 1,345 lakh of capital receipts. Thus, the overall receipts expected during the year accounted for Rs. 11,042.04 lakh.

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The corporation proposed to spend Rs. 10,492.88 lakh on various projects, including the welfare of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, he said.

The total revenue anticipated during 2009-10 accounted for Rs. 9,697.04 lakh and the revised estimate for 2008-09 had been put at Rs. 9,403.97 lakh through various grants and receipts, he said. The corporation proposed to spend Rs. 5 lakh on cow-dung cakes for cremation of bodies to minimise pollution and cutting of trees.

The corporation proposed to purchase new cars for the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor and two hearse vans, Mr. Parab said.