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Union to seek probe into allocation of house sites

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VIJAYAWADA: The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) seems to have messed up the issue of allocation of house sites to its employees at Gunadala. The Corporation officials have violated the resolutions passed in the VMC general body and the laid down procedures, if the information provided to employees' union leader is to be believed.

The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Employees Union general secretary A. Ranganayakulu recently applied under the Right to Information Act seeking information about the employees' housing proposals.

The officials told him that the land was divided into plots of a size of 200 sq. mtr., 150 sq. mtr. and 100 sq. mtr. at Gunadala. They put the number of 200 sq. mtr. plots as 406, 150 sq.mtr. plots as 13 and 100 sq. mtr. plots as 227. It was apparently against the agreed size of division of plots. It was earlier decided to divide the land into 192 plots of 200 sq. mtr. each, 195 plots of 150 sq. mtr. each and 427 plots of 100 sq. mtr. each. The 100 sq. mtr. plots were designed for class-IV employees, while the remaining ones were for other categories of employees.

The employees union is livid that the officials have brought down the number of plots at their whims and fancies, while the resolutions directs them to allocate 1,814 plots for the employees.

Mr. Ranganayakulu said on Monday that the VMC officials had 'furnished false information' under the RTI Act. The violated the Act, as well as done injustice to the employees. The issue would be placed before the Municipal Administration Secretary shortly. The union would urge the Secretary to initiate inquiry into this, he said.

