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Corporation may take over schools in added city areas

The civic body has identified 132 schools in added areas such as Sholinganallur, Alandur, Ambattur and Thiruvottiyur, to integrate into its education system.

Following requests from councillors, the Chennai Corporation is likely to pass a resolution for the integration of 80 primary schools, 43 middle schools, eight high schools and a higher secondary school, run for the weaker sections in added areas, under erstwhile local bodies.

As many as 23,000 students in such schools are expected to benefit from welfare measures such as free civil service coaching by the Chennai Corporation school system, formulated by the State government to benefit urban poor.

Over 900 teachers in these schools will also come under the new system. The education department of the Corporation started with 40 primary schools in 1912, and has now

developed into a system of 32 higher secondary schools, 36 high schools, one Urdu high school, one Telugu high school, 92 middle schools, 122 primary schools and 30 kindergarten schools, with an overall enrolment of 83,000 students.

“After the take-over, our students too will benefit from the State government’s welfare measures in the city,” said the councillor of an added area. After the closure of 30 Chennai Corporation schools in 2009, the number of schools offering quality education to the poor reduced in the city.

The addition of more schools in the system is expected to improve the quality of English education for poor students.

As many as 23,000 students and 900 teachers are expected to benefit from various welfare measures