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Corporation budget on February 14

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The Madurai Corporation will present a lacklustre budget for the year 2014-15 on February 14.

Since this is an election year, the Corporation budget will not have any major announcements or developmental projects for the city, according to Mayor V.V. Rajan Chellappa.

In an informal chat with reporters on Thursday, he pointed out that the budget would only be a formality and routine exercise this year and no new schemes would find place in it.

“Since elections are close by, there would not be much in the budget. The existing schemes will continue and allocations would be made for their implementation,” the Mayor said. The final document would be ready after further discussions on

Saturday and Monday, he noted.

For the areas that were merged into the Corporation, proposals and estimates for drainage and roads were to be submitted for funds under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM).

Meanwhile, Commissioner Kiran Gurralla, who was also present during the media interaction, said the modified drinking water supply schedule came into effect on Thursday and the feedback from tail-end areas of the city was positive.

He also added that more focus was given to increase the Corporation revenue. After the budget presentation on February 14, the Corporation will have a council meeting on February 18.