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## **Illegal data entry: Tirunelveli Corporation files police complaint**

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The Tirunelveli Corporation filed a complaint with the police seeking a probe into entry of illegal electronic data on tax fixation in its computers, Mayor Vijila Sathyananth said.

When Councillor T.N.Umapathi Sivan raised a question in the Corporation Council meeting held here on Thursday, the Mayor admitted that tax details were fed into the computers of the Corporation by some people hired for this purpose.

Presenting a statement in the meeting, Ms.Vijila said the 10 data entry operators and an assistant programmer, all appointed by Bits Computer Systems, Palayamkottai, to which the work had been outsourced, were working in the urban civic body's four zonal offices and the central office.

To download the orders pertaining to property tax, change of name, change of name in drinking water connection, building plan approval and registration of births and deaths, these personnel had been given separate User IDs.

Using one of these IDs, someone entered a property tax amount for the house of one Padma of NGO New Colony into the Corporation's server even before an official assessment was done to fix the quantum of tax.

When it was detected, a comprehensive examination was done, and it was found that there were 55 other such entries made into the Corporation's server.

The Mayor alleged that the internal investigation conducted by the Corporation officials had revealed that Raj Kannan and Baby Rani from Bits Computer System were involved in the criminal act.

She said the entire system would be revamped and made error-free.

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