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Coimbatore Master Plan to be ready soon Survey conducted by students of Bharathidasan University

A revised Master Plan for Coimbatore is likely to take shape soon as the Government is expected to take it up as a time-bound project.

An official of Coimbatore Local Planning Authority (LPA) told *The Hindu*

on Wednesday that students of Bharathidasan University had completed a survey of the existing land use in the LPA area. This needs to be verified by the officials and the process has started. The LPA will prepare a draft of the proposed land use and submit it to the Government.

Though this could take about a year, the State Government is monitoring the progress of the Master Plan preparation work and is expected to fix a deadline to complete it, the official said.

A revised Master Plan for the city is one of the long-pending demands of the district. With rapid development, industries and residential development need changes in land use classification.

K. Kathirmathiyon, secretary of Coimbatore Consumer Cause, says the existing Master Plan for Coimbatore was prepared almost two decades ago and is obsolete now.

A revised Master Plan was expected seven years ago and it was almost ready. If preparation of the plan gets delayed after completing the initial survey, it will not serve any purpose. Developments after the survey will change the land use pattern and the purpose of the Master Plan will be defeated. Hence, preparation of the Master Plan should be given priority and completed on a time-bound manner.