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## **Proposal to restore 73 toilets in public places and Corpn. schools**

### **To prevent open defecation and to ensure sanitation**

To prevent open defecation, the City Municipal Corporation has proposed to carryout restoration works of 73 toilets in public places and corporation schools at a cost of Rs. 201.32 lakh.

### **No maintenance**

The civic body had constructed over 225 toilets for public use in all the four wards. But due to poor quality of construction materials and lack of maintenance, the toilets became barely usable and residents in the area were forced to depend on toilets in nearby areas.

This paved way for open defecation that led to sanitation

issue. Hence to ensure sanitation and encourage healthy habits among residents, the Corporation has planned to restore as many as 23 existing toilets would be renovated in Suramangalam Zone at a total cost of Rs. 73.32 lakh, 12 toilets in Hasthampatti Zone at a cost of Rs. 30.05 lakh, 28 toilets in Ammapet Zone at a cost of Rs. 80 lakh and 10 toilets at a cost of Rs. 17.95 lakh in Kondalampatti Zone.

Engineers told *The Hindu* that cost of repair work for each toilet depends on the level of damage to pipelines, flooring and the building. “A proposal has been prepared for each toilet”, they added. The Corporation has decided to seek allocation from the government for carrying out the restoration work. A resolution to this effect was passed at the council meeting held recently.