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Municipality to set up mobile toilets at five locations

The municipal administration of Krishnagiri is on the verge of finalising on the mobile toilet model that would soon replace the existing pay-to-use toilet at Krishnagiri new bus stand. The model once finalised, will ring in new free-of-cost, water efficient mobile toilets in five different locations within Krishnagiri municipality by the first week of May.

“For now, we have proposed to set up the toilets in the new bus stand, old bus stand, coronation ground, Krishnagiri government hospital and the municipality park,” says Municipal Commissioner Kannan.

The toilet is being estimated at Rs. 72,000 per unit. The municipality has been assured of funds from the MLA’s local area development fund. Each unit envisions four urinals for men, and four toilets for women. “We have drawn from the experiences of other toilets in bus stands, where half covered toilets are of little to no use.”

The portable toilet model will be made of stainless steel frame and fibre sheet, with intermittent transparent sheet on the roof to allow natural light. The portable toilets will, however, be fully covered so that they are not rendered useless during rains.

To make the toilets more cost-effective in terms of lighting and drainage, the toilets will be set up, wherever possible, under the lighting provided by an existing street light and will be set up over the existing drainage channel. “For instance, the mobile toilet will be set up on the drainage platform at Krishnagiri government hospital, which at present does not have a proper toilet facility for visitors and outpatients,” says the Commissioner. Since, most of the drains are linked under the underground drainage system, this would be more cost-effective, he says.

However, once the first five toilet units are put in place, the toilets will be set up in 20 other locations within the municipality limit.

The model will be finalised by this week, and they are planned in such a way that they are easily portable, when the space will have to make way for a new construction.