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CMDA seeks plan to develop Nandivaram land



CHENNAI: The [Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority](#) has decided to appoint a consultant to suggest appropriate use for the [temple land](#) at Nandivaram near Guduvanchery previously identified for a bus terminus.

After deciding to set up the terminus at Urapakkam, abandoning the Nandivaram plot, the CMDA is contemplating to use it for an [infrastructure project](#). Tenders have been floated inviting [consultants](#) to conduct a feasibility study to identify the kind of project that can be launched there. The study will focus on various factors, including the market demand and development models for economically viable projects on the 16-acre plot behind the [Guduvanchery bus terminus](#).

CMDA has sought transfer of the plot belonging to the Hindu

Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) department at Nandivaram. While the HR&CE department will generate revenue through the leased out land, the CMDA has approached the Tamil Nadu Urban Infrastructure Financial Services Limited (TNUIFSL) to appoint consultants for preparing the feasibility report.

Official sources said the selected consultant would specify the kind of project such as a truck terminal, housing project or wholesale market that can be taken up. "We have not conceived any particular project and the consultant will only identify what can be established," an official privy to the developments told TOI. CMDA has implemented several projects, including the Chennai Moffusil Bus Terminus (CMBT) and wholesale vegetable, fruit and flower markets at Koyambedu in the past. As the land identified is not within the Chennai Metropolitan Area (CMA) limits, the study will also focus on the regulations such as land classification and zoning for the project that the consultant identifies as suitable in the locality.

Last year, after plans to acquire land for a bus terminus at Vandalur ran into rough weather, CMDA decided to establish the facility at Nandivaram. This plan too was shifted, to neighbouring Urapakkam, as the revenue department transferred a piece of land to the CMDA following a favourable verdict over the disputed land (at Urapakkam). Against this backdrop, the planning authority is now eyeing the [Nandivaram land](#).