

Key posts remain unfilled

Key positions in the two planning agencies of the State – Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority and Directorate of Town and Country Planning —continue to be vacant for more than a month.

D.P. Yadav, Housing Secretary, is in charge of both the key positions – Member Secretary, CMDA and Commissioner, DTCP. While the CMDA is the planning agency for Chennai and its immediate suburbs, the DTCP is the sole agency for rest of Tamil Nadu.

After the last major reshuffle of bureaucrats, which resulted in the transfer of A. Karthik, Member Secretary of CMDA, a replacement has not been appointed. Incidentally, he was also holding additional charge as Commissioner, DTCP.

Kirlosh Kumar was the last officer to hold full-time charge of the DTCP as director. The delay in appointing full-time officers for these two key posts has been causing administrative hassles and has also affected business transactions. Sources in the government said the vacancies would be filled up soon.