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The Unorganized Workers' Federation has demanded that the government order for the new secretariat in Pattinapakkam be withdrawn.

CHENNAI – 17 Nov, 2026 The Unorganized Workers Federation has urged Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay to withdraw the government order granting in-principle approval for the construction of a new legislative assembly and secretariat complex in Pattinapakkam, Chennai, citing concerns over the rights and livelihoods of traditional fishing communities.

In a petition submitted to the Chief Minister, the Federation opposed Government Order No. 564 issued by the Public (Buildings) Department on September 8, 2026. This order identifies 25.55 acres of land in Foreshore Estate in Pattinapakkam. The proposed complex is to be built on this site, which is estimated to cost ₹1,200 crore.

The proposed facility is to be built on an area of 2 million square feet. The Public Works Department has been directed to prepare a detailed project report and cost estimates within three months.

The Federation stated that traditional fishing families, including fishermen, boat operators, and other workers, have lived in this area for many generations. It called for the protection of their traditional residency rights and livelihoods, and stated that their interests should be considered before proceeding with the project.



The Federation pointed out that 55 residents of the area died in the 2004 tsunami and said that the government should take action to protect the affected families.