



# HC: Let panel check 'nuisance' by mall

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**Madurai:** The Madras high court on Monday directed the Madurai district magistrate/district collector to constitute a committee of officials from concerned government departments to inspect the Super Saravana Stores building at Mattuthavani in Madurai and its surrounding areas to ascertain as to whether any public nuisance is still prevalent.

Justice K Murali Shankar directed that if the officials report that public nuisance is still prevalent, then the collector shall order the shopping mall to rectify the same. If the mall fails to take action, then the collector shall initiate appropriate action in accordance with law.

The court passed the order while disposing of a petition filed by an advocate Henri Tiphagne from Madurai. The petitioner stated that MGR bus stand, Omni bus stand, Central vegetable market, Central fruit market, Central fish market, various hotels, residential areas, private hospital are situated alongside the Melur Road in Madurai Road.

He stated that the opening of the stores in December 2022, had led to several nuisances. There are no emergency stairs visible in the building. Two-wheelers and four-wheelers are parked on either side of the road



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which has led to severe traffic congestions in the area. Ambulances ferrying patients also find it difficult to reach the hospitals. The authorities should ensure that all autos, share autos and taxis enter the building premises to drop off the passengers without stopping anywhere on the Melur Road.

Illegal hawkers and eating stalls are being set up on both sides of the road adding to already existing traffic snarls. The stretch from Omni bus stand till the ring road should be formally declared as 'no parking zone' and 'no hawking zone'. The pavement on either side of the road should be cleared for the pedestrians.

Though he had submitted representation to address these nuisances, the same was not considered. Hence, the petitioner moved the HC Madurai bench seeking for a direction to temporarily shut down the stores till the nuisances are properly addressed.