

Firm Caught Dumping Debris in Tank



The building waste materials dumped in the Singanallur water tank on Friday by the private company ELGI; (r) seized tractor

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Coimbatore: Public and the NGOs caught a tractor belonging to a private company in action when it dumped the building waste materials in the tank on Friday.

In a complaint lodged with Singanallur police station, it was stated that private firm ELGI has caused damage to the environ by dumping debris in the tank and sought the police to take action on the company.

Environmentalists and the wildlife photographers are

regular visitors to the Singanallur tank to see the "winged visitors" and check whether the tank is safe from miscreants.

On Friday, environmentalist Mohan was shocked to see a tractor dumping the waste building materials and coming out of the tank. With the help of local people, they caught the tractor and informed the corporation zonal office.

On hearing about the incident, the staff of ELGI company arrived at the spot.

NGOs in the city 'Save Coimbatore Wetland', 'Envi-

ronment Conservation group' and 'Nature Conservation Society' led by environmentalists Mohan and Yoganathan gathered at Singanallur tank and documented the incident and gave a complaint to the Singanallur police station and the Corporation zone office concerned.

East Zone Corporation Assistant Executive Engineer Jayaraj told *Express*: "We have seized the tractor from the spot and have sent a detailed report to the Corporation Commissioner. Once we receive the orders from the

Corporation Commissioner, we would take necessary action."

ELGI STAND

ELGI Equipments Ltd Director- HR Jayashankar Jayaraman, in a release here, said: "Some miscreants had set fire to Ech Cornia (lotus dry leaves) which was removed from the lake and dumped close to the company's compound wall. "Our intention to pour sand adjacent to the compound wall was only to prevent the fire from spreading on to the factory premises."