

HMR told to repair roads

■ Metro works reach busy areas; Focus on road users' convenience

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Chief secretary Dr P.K. Mohanty has asked officials to create sufficient work fronts for L&TMRHL to speed up the Hyderabad Metro Rail project in the core areas of the city.

Chairing the Special Task Force meeting on Thursday and reviewing progress of the project, Dr Mohanty said that extra care had to be taken as works were now being executed on busy roads.

- Nodal officers have also been appointed from all government organisations to resolve issues at the field level.

HMR managing director N.V.S. Reddy informed the CS that the project was making good progress and so far, 1,150 foundations (35 km), 1,001 pillars (30 km) and 8,205 segments (sufficient for 25 km) have been completed.

He said that track-laying on the first stretch of 8 km between Nagole and Mettuguda was going on at a brisk pace and that trial runs would start in July. The stretch would be opened for passenger traffic on Ugadi in March 2015 as scheduled, he added.

The CS asked the HMR MD, GHMC commissioner and additional CPs (traffic) of Hyderabad and Cyberabad to conduct joint inspections so that the inconvenience of road users is minimised. He

also asked HMR, GHMC, R&B and L&TMRHL to undertake periodical road repairs in Metro work areas, as there would be heavier pressure on the remaining part of the roads after barricades are put up.

Dr Mohanty enquired about the availability of right-of-way, shifting of utilities, and set targets for the GHMC, R&B, NHAI, Water Board, APCPDCL and APTransco for facilitating smooth execution of the project.