

KCR seeks preference for locals in Metro rail jobs

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HYDERABAD: Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao on Thursday urged a French firm associated with Hyderabad Metro Rail to ensure that the engineers and personnel it recruits for the project are from the State.

“Ensure that they are from Telangana and preference is given to locals in the Metro Rail recruitment,” he told Bernard Tabary, managing director and global CEO of the firm, Keolis, who called on the Chief Minister at his camp office here.

A release from the CMO said Keolis, is into public transportation, operating metro, light rail and bus systems in many cities, including Paris, London and Washington. As operator for the Hyderabad Metro, it recruits operations and maintenance engineers besides personnel.

A focus area for the Chief Minister, he had emphasised, at different forums, the need for companies to consider youth from the neighbourhood for jobs. Listing industry-friendly measures of his government, he counts the public private partnership



Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao with Bernard Tabary, managing director and global CEO of Keolis, at the former's camp office in Hyderabad on Thursday. - PHOTO: BY ARRANGEMENT

initiative to impart skills to prospective candidates.

The release said Mr. Chandrasekhar Rao asked the Keolis' executive to ensure that Metro operations are safe besides being convenient, even for illiterate persons. Special care, he said, should be taken for the safety of women, children and physically-challenged persons.

Mr. Tabary said he would instruct his managers to conduct campus recruitment at local engineering colleges and “see that local talent is encouraged and preference given to women wherever

possible”.

The upcoming public transit system, he said, would substantially contribute towards realising the Chief Minister's dream of transforming Hyderabad into a global city.

Ruia Group head meets CM

Chairman of Ruia Group, Pawan Kumar Ruia, who also called on Mr. Chandrasekhar Rao on Thursday, expressed his company's interest in setting up projects in Telangana, including a smart city near the financial district in Hyderabad.