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REPORTER'S DIARY

Gung ho about Metro Rail

A few months is a long time in politics and also for the metro rail project coming up in the city. It looked really bad when L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad's (L&TMRH) letter to the newly elected TS Government about their



proposal to pull out because of 'uncertainty' as well as 'lack of support' from the Government, was leaked to a section of the media. But, all that is in the past. Construction work is chugging on and both the Government as well L&TMRH are gung ho about the elevated public transport system being built in a unique public, private partnership mode. "Forty per cent of the first phase of commercial phase (1.1 million sq.ft) coming up at three locations has been booked. It reflects the confidence in the TS Government, Hyderabad and us," proudly declared L&TMRH officials. True, the Metro Rail officials had some "doubts" about the projected passengers post bifurcation of the united A.P. but the last one year has put all these to rest. "Hyderabad is poised to be the best city in living standards," they exclaimed.