

'Metro rail works on fast track'

Govt To Take Call On Launch Of Service, Says HMR Official

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Hyderabad: The metro rail project was progressing well and it would be ready for use next year, the Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) managing director NVS Reddy said on Saturday.

He also said that chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao has asked them to complete the works soon and that a decision on when the services would begin was up to the government.

He was speaking to reporters following an inspection of the metro rail station and the metro depot at Nagole by Union minister of state for labour Bandaru Dattareya.

The Union minister expressed happiness at the progress of the project and said that it was his dream to have a metro rail service in Hyderabad. "I worked hard in 2001 itself to get the metro rail project to the city and the Centre had also granted Rs 2,500 crore for the project then," he



Union minister Bandaru Dattareya and others inspect metro rail at Nagole on Saturday

said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi would inaugurate the service, he added. The rail project is required to cut down on air pollution and provide affordable commuting for the people. The resul-

tant reduction in air pollution would also contribute to the Swachh Bharat mission, he added.

Reddy, meanwhile, said the launch of services in the first completed stretch be-

tween Nagole and Mettuguda was put off due to technical reasons. Fifty percent of the project work has been completed and pillars have been raised on a total project stretch of 43 km, he added.