2016 has been an eventful year for the Hyderabad Metro Rail project. Several long pending properties have been acquired and contentious issues resolved at some critical locations to take the project forward. The following are the highlights of the Metro Rail project during 2016, stated MD, HMRL Mr. NVS Reddy:

- Acquisition of Guttikonda lodge (front portion of Pandurangaswamy temple) in Secunderabad for “Secunderabad East” metro station;
- Demolition of Nandakumar property and Padmahamsa complex on both sides of ISKCON temple in Secunderabad to bridge the gap of about 200 mtrs;
- Acquisition of open spaces in front portions of Country Club, Nawab Yar Jung property, open space in front of Lifestyle, Mebaz & White House buildings, and demolition of the top portion of Post Office building;
- Demolition of affected properties in Greenlands – Ameerpet stretch; Rahamat complex at Ameerpet jn, and in Yousufguda – Madhuranagar - Krishnanagar stretch;
- Demolition of Transstroy building on Road No.5, Jubilee Hills; Ram Reddy property at Jubilee Hills Checkpost and other affected properties in Peddamma temple – Madhapur – Durgam cheruvu station areas on Road No.36, Jubilee Hills;
- Shifting of major water & sewer lines and power lines in Greenlands – Ameerpet stretch and Yousufguda – Madhuranagar – Krishnanagar stretch;
- Acquisition of affected properties of Patel Timber Depot, Old Age Home and several other properties in Boiguda – Musheerabad – RTC X Roads – Narayanguda stretch of Corridor-II;
- Shifting of a major 1000 mm dia water line and 400/600 mm dia sewer lines from Musheerabad to Narayanguda;
- Completion of more than 150 foundations and pillars in Musheerabad – RTC X Roads – Chikkadpalli - Narayanguda stretch;
- Completion of many foundations and pillars in Badichowdi – Sultan Bazar - Putlibowli stretch of Corridor-II and in front of Assembly in Corridor-I;
- Resolving the deadlock over the ROBs and commencement/resumption of ROB works at Chilkalguda, Alugaddabavi, Oliphenta, Begumpet, Lakdikapul and Malakpet;
- Widening the narrow road between both side graveyards at Srinagar colony jn and completion of foundations/pillars in the gaps at Srinagar colony jn, Nampally, Chaderghat, etc;
- Removal of encroachments at JBS/Parade grounds, Begumpet, MGBS etc., and speeding up interchange station works at Ameerpet, Parade grounds and MGBS.
- Received all the 57 three car trains (57 x 3 = 171 coaches) from Hyundai Rotem, South Korea; and
- Received sanction of Commissioner for Metro Rail Safety (CMRS) for Miyapur – SR Nagar section (12 km) of Corridor-I.

During the calendar year of 2016, an amount of Rs.2,902 Cr was spent (Rs.2,742 Cr by L&TMRHL and Rs.160 Cr by HMRL). The cumulative expenditure on the project so far is Rs.14,172 Cr (Rs.12,143 Cr by L&TMRHL on both Metro Rail and Real Estate and Rs.2,029 Cr by HMRL). With completion of 2340 foundations in 61 km, 2231 pillars (58 km) and viaduct in 50 km, and completion of major portion of works in overhead electrical traction, signalling & telecommunication systems and at stations, the project has achieved 75% overall progress, added Mr. NVS Reddy.

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