After detailed technical presentations by the Concessionaire L&TMRHL, Independent Engineer Louis Berger, and HMRL; and several rounds of discussions and hard negotiations between the senior officials of the Government and the Concessionaire, Government has permitted the Concessionaire to complete the entire Hyderabad Metro Rail project other than the 5 km stretch in the Old City and about 1 km stretch between Hitec city and Raidurg, latest by November 2018.

Since the original construction period was ending by today (4th of July) and some delays have occurred in completion of the project by the originally stipulated date due to multiple court cases in acquisition of some critical properties etc., Government has agreed for this time extension of 17 months, stated MD, HMRL Mr.NVS Reddy. While agreeing for this time extension, the interests of the Government have been protected, he added.

Further, Chief Secretary, Telangana Mr.S.P.Singh reviewed the progress of the project yesterday (3rd of July) and observed that while the few remaining properties to be acquired are not coming in the way of the Metro project, he nevertheless instructed both the Collectors of Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy districts and Commissioner, GHMC to complete acquisition of the remaining properties quickly for widening of roads in Sultan Bazar, Nampally etc., and for implementing the project in the remaining few stretches.

While granting time extension, the State Government has advised MD, L&TMRHL and MD, HMRL to gear up for launching the completed stretches of the project in the next few months and also to complete corridor-I (Miyapur-LB Nagar: 29 km) and corridor-III (Nagole-Hitec City: 27 km) by the end of this year itself.