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Hurdles cleared for metro rail in S'bad

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Hyderabad: Chances of metro rail extending up to Begumpet on the Nagole-Mettuguda stretch have brightened with South Central Railway (SCR) authorities agreeing for a Road Overbridge at Oliphanta in Secunderabad and even a legal hurdle getting cleared.

HMR authorities said demolition of the Padmahamsa apartments was completed after winning a four-year-old legal battle and compensation of ₹9.50 crore paid to the owners of 24 flats and 12 shops in the apartments.

The apartments adjacent

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to Iskcon temple in Secunderabad which held up a 300 meter stretch between Sangeet junction to St Ann's school has been a major hurdle for the metro rail project. The legal case filed by the residents in 2010 has finally been wrapped up and



the new development is likely to bring the metro rail up to Begumpet at the time of roll out.

"HMRL acquired the affected block 'A' of the complex a couple days ago and demolished it now to make way for the metro rail alignment. Also the

contentious issue of payment of 'traffic block charges' to the railways is also being amicably sorted out and metro RoB works will resume in the next few days, the metro rail authorities said in a statement. "With the acquisition of Padmahamsa complex and re-commencement of Alugaddabavi Oliphanta, and other RoBs, Hyderabad Metro project will be fast-tracked now and the prospects of extending the 'ready to be commenced' Nagole-Mettuguda section of corridor III up to Begumpet by mid next year have brightened," said managing director, HMRL, NVS Reddy.