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# Increase Metro Rail speed: KTR

Minister asks HMR officials to also increase frequency, focus on last mile connectivity

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Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister K T Rama Rao on Tuesday asked officials to increase frequency and speed of the Hyderabad Metro Rail (HMR) services and to also explore the possibilities of adding a fleet of electric buses to provide last mile connectivity from Metro stations.

At a review meeting on the ongoing works related to the HMR in the city, the Minister wanted an increase in the frequency of services and also in the speed on the existing facility between Miyapur and Nagole. The officials were also told to collaborate with SETWIN to explore the possibilities of adding 100 electric buses along the existing and upcoming Metro corridors.

HMR Managing Director N V S Reddy said the travel time between Miyapur and Nagole would come down further with the increase in frequency and speed in the coming days. On providing parking space for private vehicles, HMR authorities said tenders related to construction of 12 multi-level parking systems at different locations would be floated soon.

Tenders for construction of a multi-level parking lot near the Nampally Metro station would be finalised in a week or 10 days, officials informed the Minister. Ground was also being prepared to start construction of the proposed skywalk be-



MAKING NOTE: MA&UD Minister KT Rama Rao at a review meeting on Metro Rail on Tuesday.

tween Uppal Cricket Stadium and the Uppal Metro station.

HMR officials said development of basic amenities for passengers such as toilets and parking lots were being taken up simultaneously along with the construction of Metro stations.

The Minister also directed the officials to ensure adequate SHE toilets for women passengers. Rao enquired about the status of the project on other corridors and was informed by the officials that the vital Ameerpet-Hi-Tech City stretch was on schedule.

The Minister wanted the officials to prepare a detailed report on the second phase of Metro including corridor routes, location of

## Municipal bonds listing ceremony

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Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister KT Rama Rao will participate in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation's (GHMC) municipal bonds listing function here on Thursday.

The municipal corporation plans to raise Rs 1,000 crore through issue

of municipal bonds and electronic bidding for the first tranche of Rs 200 crore was done on February 14. The issue evoked good response with 200 per cent subscription as the total tranche of Rs 200 crore was subscribed at 8.9 per cent. GHMC happens to be the second civic body after Pune Municipal Corporation to float municipal bonds.

stations and funding needed to complete the project. He said there was a need to improve connectivity to the Hyderabad International

Airport in Shamshabad through the Metro Rail. Principal Secretary (MA & UD) Arvind Kumar and other officials were present.