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HMRL panel to check mishaps

To suggest immediate and long-term remedial recommendations

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Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) has constituted an interdepartmental committee to initiate remedial measures within a month in accident-prone areas along the metro rail corridors following city traffic police requisition to take up steps for controlling mishaps.

The committee would conduct a thorough study of the places identified by the traffic police and suggest both immediate and long-term remedial recommendations to improve safety conditions along the corridors.

It consists of an independent traffic and transportation expert Dr TS Reddy, MRL engineers BN Rajeswar and Y Sayapa Reddy, GHMC EE(T&T) M Venkat Reddy and ACP - Traffic, Hyderabad. HMRL Additional DCP A Balakrishna is member-Convenor of the committee.

HMRL Managing Director NVS Reddy wanted the committee members to interact with the Traffic Police of Cyberabad and Rachakonda Commissionerates and sub-

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mit its recommendations within one month.

The roads in Hyderabad are designed to handle a maximum speed of 65 kmph and if any vehicle travels at a very high speed and that too over 200 kmph as it happened in the accident at Road No.36, Jubilee Hills, recently, the Metro Rail pillars or any other structure cannot be designed to prevent such accidents, HMRL officials said.

The committee is directed to come up with recommendations specific to Metro Rail-related road safety measures such as provision of reflective stickers and signages on Metro pillars, protective measures in formation of central median below the Metro viaduct, formation of kidney islands and pedestrian refuge areas.