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## Task force to strengthen public transport systems

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The Minister for IT, Municipal Administration & Industries K.T. Rama Rao on Monday announced the formation of a Special Task Force team drawn from TSRTC, South Central Railway, GHMC, Setwin along with the Municipal and Transport Departments Secretaries and Hyderabad Metro Rail MD to suggest measures to strengthen the public transport systems.

At a meeting held with the top officials from these de-

partments and Transport Minister P. Mahender Reddy at the Metro Rail Bhavan, the Minister said the Task Force will also be studying the emerging technologies in improving the public transport system and in providing the first and last mile connectivity to the urban commuters from the metro rail stations.

Calling for a coordination among the various public transport bodies including RTC, HMR, SCR, Mr. Rama Rao said they should desist from competing with each

other. Rather, the effort should be to combine forces to provide a seamless travel facility to the commuters with emphasis on running vehicles on electric power.

### **'No delay'**

With majority of first phase of the metro rail being built across three corridors scheduled to be over within a year or less, the public transport agencies should start planning connectivity to and from the metro stations without any further delay, he said.

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