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As a sequel to the meeting between Telangana CM Mr.K. Chandrasekhar Rao and Railway Minister Mr.Suresh Prabhu on 19.01.2015 wherein the Telangana CM brought to the notice of the Railway Minister the demands of South Central Railway for payment of 'Traffic Block' charges for permitting Metro works at Railway crossings, Mr.Suresh Prabhu got the issue resolved at jet speed. Railway Board has now clarified to S.C. Railway that Railways shall encourage development of Metro / Suburban rail projects by not levying 'Traffic Block' charges towards detention of wagons and passenger trains. Railway Board accordingly advised S.C. Railway that Hyderabad Metro Rail Ltd shall be exempted from such 'Traffic Block' charges.

This decision of Railway Board quickens construction of 8 Metro Rail Over Bridges (ROBs) at different locations in twin cities and facilitates speeding up of the project. This decision will save HMR / Government of Telangana about Rs.80 Cr (@ Rs.10 Cr per crossing). CM Mr.K.Chandrasekhar Rao thanked the Railway Minister Mr.Suresh Prabhu for immediately resolving the issue. The Metro corridors cross the tracks of Indian Railways at 8 locations – Alugaddabavi, Mettuguda, Oliphanta bridge, Bhoiguda, Begumpet, Bharat Nagar, Lakdikapul and Malakpet. The urgent Bharat Nagar Metro crossing works will immediately be taken up along with other high priority Metro crossing works at Mettuguda and Alugaddabavi in coordination with S.C.Railway authorities, said MD, HMR Mr.NVS Reddy.

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