

**Media Release**

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Telangana Government's proposal for extension of MMTS facility to Yadadri was sanctioned for Rs.330 Cr. and got included in this year's Railway Budget. The proposal was forwarded by Chief Minister Mr.K.Chandrasekhar Rao through a special letter to Railway Minister Mr.Suresh Prabhu about a month ago.

On the instructions of the Chief Minister for working out a quick Rail transport solution to Yadadri, which is being developed as a major pilgrim centre on the lines of Tirupati, MD, HMRL Mr.NVS Reddy along with his Railway engineering team completed the preliminary survey and estimate at jet speed in just two weeks and prepared this MMTS extension plan. While MMTS Phase-II is already under implementation from Secunderabad Railway Station to Ghatkesar (21 km), it will now be extended from Ghatkesar to Yadadri (another 32 km) by laying a third railway line with attendant electrification, signalling works and new MMTS stations at Ghatkesar, Bhongir, Pagidipalli, Bibinagar and Raigir (Yadadri) en route. Out of the project cost of Rs.330 crore, 2/3rds (Rs.220 Cr) will be borne by Government of Telangana and 1/3rd (Rs.110 Cr) will be borne by Indian Railways and the project cost includes procurement of new MMTS coaches as well.

After sending the proposal, Chief Minister Mr.K.Chandrasekhar Rao telephonically requested the Railway Minister to include the proposal in this year's Railway Budget itself. MP, Bhongir Mr.B.Narasaiah Goud along with HMRL Railway Chief Engineer Mr.Munna Kumar pursued it in Railway Board's office thereafter. Stating that Ministry of Railways rarely approves a major project in such a short time of one month, Mr.NVS Reddy thanked GM, SC Railway Mr.Ravindra Gupta for his help in getting this project sanctioned in such a short time.

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HYDERABAD & SECUNDERABAD RAILWAY MAP

File not to scale

