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In a major breakthrough meeting held at Metro Rail Bhavan today (December 25, 2015) between HMR officials led by it's MD Mr.NVS Reddy and the Traders' Joint Action Committee, Sultan Bazaar Mr. Govind Rathi and Mr. V Kishan Yadav along with Ex-Minister, Mr. P. Ramaswamy arrived at an agreement on a special package for Sultan Bazaar traders, owners and hawkers.

MD, HMR informed the gathering that Chief Minister Mr.K.Chandrashekar Rao directed HMR officials to arrive at a mutually agreeable special package to Badi Chowdi-Sultan Bazaar-Koti area, given it's special place in history and culture of Hyderabad. He also mentioned the directive of the Chief Minister that the old charm of Sultan Bazaar shall be revived by HMR to regain its past glory. The broad features of the package are as under:

Minimum road widening:

In view of the narrow roads and pedestrian nature of Sultan Bazaar stretch of corridor-II, road widening will be minimal as a special case. The widening will be restricted to 80 feet between Kachiguda X roads and Bata Jn (Badi Chowdi stretch); 65 feet between Bata Jn and Andhra Bank Jn (Sultan Bazaar stretch); and 80 feet from Andhra Bank to Putlibowli Jn (Koti stretch). No religious or other sensitive structures shall be touched by the widening.

Hawkers' paradise in Sultan Bazaar:

Mr NVS Reddy has informed the gathering that the Sultan Bazaar stretch of about 250 m (about 800 feet) will be developed as a Hawkers' paradise with hawkers' facilities being designed below the Metro viaduct with the following features:

- Platforms each measuring 6.6' x 3.3' with storage facility.
- 5' of carriageway next to the hawker facility will be paved with cobblestone for the shoppers to purchase goods.
- Pedestrian and hawker facility will be developed in Sultan Bazaar to International standard by HMR at an estimated cost of Rs.2 crore.
- In future these facilities will be converted into a Night Bazaar as well.

R&R complex at Putlibowli:

HMR Chief Engineer Mr.Md.Ziauddin made a presentation on the features of R&R complex already constructed at Putlibowli at a cost of Rs.13 Cr. He informed that the design of this complex admeasuring about 70,000 sft in an area of 2,000 sq. yards was chosen from an all India Architectural Design competition.

 It has multiple entries from both Osmania Medical College side and Jambagh side. Skywalks from both OMC Metro station of corridor-I and Sultan Bazaar station of corridor-II will connect the R&R complex at 2nd and 3rd floor level and make it an interesting hub of activity called "Metro Sultan Bazaar".

- This unique complex reflects the streetscape of Sultan Bazaar vertically with shops (total 80) on one side and Hawkers' places (100) on the other side of the ramp. The ramp takes the shoppers from two cellar parking floors to any of the five floors above in an effortless manner as if one was walking through the streets of Sultan Bazaar.
- The building is provided with CCTV cameras, latest fire fighting system, natural ventilation and other sophisticated features, but with an ethnic look.
- With the recent acquisition of about 1300 sq. yards of petrol bunk property at a cost of Rs.15 Cr the value of this R&R complex will further increase and it also acts as parking & circulation area for both the Metro stations.

Compensation for affected tenants:

MD, HMR has indicated that the tenants whose livelihood is affected will be suitably compensated. An assurance letter confirming the above package was handed over by the MD to the Traders' JAC.

Overjoyed by the features of the R&R complex, proposed hawkers facilities and special compensation package, the large gathering of owners, tenants and hawkers of Badi Chowdi, Sultan Bazaar and Putlibowli profusely thanked the Chief Minister Mr.K.Chandrashekar Rao, Home Minister Mr.Naini Narasimha Reddy and Mr.NVS Reddy and assured their full cooperation for smooth execution of Metro Rail project in this area.

Mr.Manohar Suryavamshi, General Secretary, Traders' JAC, Mr.Shiv Kumar Katchwa, Joint Secretary, Mr.Sriniwas Soni, Treasurer, Mr.Mahir Alam Khan and Mr.Venkat Reddy, Executive Members; Mr.Sheel Kumar, Mr.Prem Bajaj, Mr.Ashish Agrawal; Mr.Om Lal, Mr.Praveen, Mr.Vinod, Mr.Ankit Dalmia; and Mr.A.G.Khandelkar, Mr.Maruthi, Mr.Jugal Kishore Sankla and over 100 owners, tenants and hawkers attended the meeting.

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MD HMR, Mr. NVS Reddy sharing the letter of assurance to Chairman of Traders Joint Action Committee, Sultan Bazaar Mr. Govind Rathi, President Mr. V. Kishan Yadav and Ex-Minister, Mr. P. Ramaswamy at Metro Rail Bhavan on Friday (December 25, 2015)



MD, HMR Mr. NVS Reddy explaining the proposed features of "Hawkers Paradize" under the viaduct at Sultan Bazaar-Bata stretch to traders, hawkers and tenants at Metro Rail Bhavan on Friday (December 25, 2015)



MD, HMR Mr. NVS Reddy explaining the Relief & Rehabilitation measures to traders, hawkers and tenants of Sultan Bazaar stretch at Metro Rail Bhavan on Friday (December 25, 2015)



MD HMR, Mr. NVS Reddy showing the letter of assurance to traders, hawkers and tenants of Sultan Bazaar stretch at Metro Rail Bhavan on Friday (December 25, 2015)



MD, HMR Mr. NVS Reddy along with traders, hawkers and tenants of Sultan Bazaar stretch at Metro Rail Bhavan on Friday (December 25, 2015)



Features of "Hawkers' Paradize" conceptualised by Hyderabad Metro Rail under the viaduct at Sultan Bazaar-Bata stretch (Artists View)



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