

BETTER | INFRASTRUCTURE ₹500 cr budget allocated for Falaknuma Metro line last year remains unsanctioned

HMRL, HMAL get lion's share in state budget

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Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) and Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited (HMAL) received the lion's share in the State Budget 2023-24, ₹2,000 crore and ₹500 crore respectively, among civic bodies servicing the city. The money allocated to HMRL included ₹500 crore for the 5.5 km MGBS-Falaknuma Metro Rail line.

The HMWS&SB received less money, ₹1,961 crore

against ₹1,625 crore during the financial year 2022-23, the HMDA ₹200.1 crore, the Musi Riverfront Development Corporation Limited (MRDCL) allocation remained unchanged at ₹200 crore and the GHMC was earmarked ₹95.60 crore.

Presenting the State Budget, finance minister T. Harish Rao pointed to the sharp rise in the number of travellers using the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) at Shamshabad, and said the expanded facilities costing

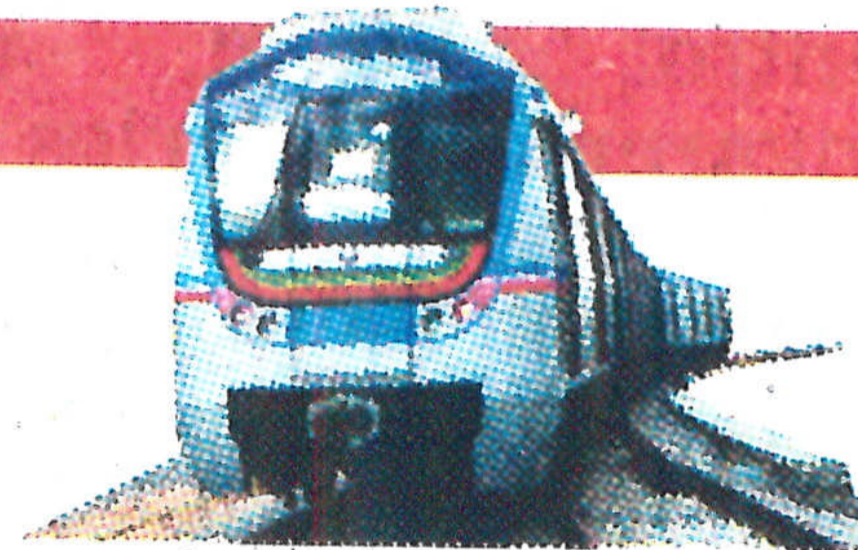
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₹2,500 cr for Metro

₹500 cr for Airport metro
Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited (HMAL)
(Estimated project cost: ₹6,250 crore)

2022-23 HMWSSB ₹1,625 cr

2023-24 HMWSSB ₹1,960 cr



₹7,500 crore, which will be ready by June, would be able to handle four crore passengers annually.

He said Metro Rail con-

nectivity to the airport costing ₹6,250 crore will be completed in three years with state funds.

Of the ₹500 km crore for

the Airport Metro, ₹377.25 crore would be allocated from Scheduled Castes Special Development Fund (SCSDF) and ₹45.40 crore from the Scheduled Tribes Special Development Fund (STSDF).

Incidentally, ₹500 crore was allocated last year too for the Falaknuma line but appears not to have been sanctioned.

He said the government has taken up numerous projects worth ₹387 crore in the HMDA jurisdiction and under Haritha Haram, 63 lakh saplings had been

planted and the 23-km, ₹95-crore solar roof cycle track in Kokapet layout would be a trendsetter. He said the HMWS&SB had taken up a project to provide drinking water facilities to people living within the limits of the Outer Ring Road at a cost of ₹1,956 crore. The ₹2,214-crore Sunkishala intake works to supply water to the city would be completed this year.

A sewerage master plan was being implemented in Hyderabad. Construction of 31 sewerage treatment

plants with a capacity of 1,259 million litres per day has been taken up at a cost of ₹3,866 crore. The budget allocation was ₹1625 crore, which is ₹506 less than the previous fiscal's allocation.

The government allocated ₹10 lakh for HMDA development. It allocated ₹200 crore for five packages on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) under

Build Operate Transfer (BOT), as the HMDA needs to release ₹332.85 crore annually to the concessionaires.