



Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri being greeted by Telangana Minister for Municipal Administration & Urban Development K.T. Rama Rao in New Delhi on Saturday.

KTR seeks Union Minister's support for Metro Rail extension

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Telangana Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister K.T. Rama Rao called on Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri and, later, Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal in New Delhi on Saturday.

In his meeting with Mr. Puri, Mr. Rama Rao reiterated the appeal to expedite approval for the 26-km Hyderabad Metro Rail line from BHEL to Lakdikapul and 5-km line from Nagole to L.B. Nagar. He said that a Detailed Project Report was submitted by the State.

Mr. Rama Rao also sought financial aid to provide Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) in Kokapet, in western Hyderabad which is developing as the new Central Business District (CBD). The preliminary estimate of the MRTS is ₹3,050 crore. The Minister appealed for a financial contribution of ₹450 crore from the Central government.

About extending missing link roads connectivity up to Outer Ring Road, Mr. Rama Rao also said that a total of 104 additional corridors are identified to be taken up with an estimated amount of ₹2,400 crore. He urged the Central government to extend sup-

port through a contribution of ₹800 crore.

The Minister said that it would take ₹3722.82 crore for three Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs) clusters under the proposed Sanitation Project - Development of Sewer Network Infrastructure for Liquid Waste Collection at Hyderabad Urban Agglomeration, and appealed to the Central government to sanction 20% of the project cost or ₹744.56 crore.

During his meeting with Mr. Goyal, the Minister requested the Centre to allow Telangana to supply an additional 20 lakh tonnes of parboiled rice as the custom-milled rice (CMR) to Food Corporation of India (FCI) for the 2022-23 Rabi season.

He told Mr. Goyal that the Ministry of Food and Public Distribution had permitted Telangana to supply 10.2 lakh tonnes of parboiled rice to be milled from 15 lakh tonnes of paddy procured in the 2022-23 Rabi season.

He stated paddy was raised on about 57 lakh acres in Telangana in the recent Rabi season and comprised more than 50% of total paddy extent in the country for the season and that the State government had procured 66.11 lakh tonnes of paddy from farmers at minimum support price.