

Common smart card for Metro, bus, cab, MMTS travel to be rolled out next month

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IN good news to commuters using different modes of transport, the State government is proposing to start a common mobility card which can be used in the Metro Rail, TSRTC buses, MMTS trains and in cabs and autos. Municipal Administration Minister KT Rama Rao has asked officials to introduce the card by the second week of August.

The government has started efforts to bring the common mobility card for the entire public transport system of Hyderabad. The Hyderabad Metro Rail and RTC have already started operations. The card will be available for use in Metro Rail and RTC buses, which are the main public transport modes in the city, without any problems. At a meeting in the Secretariat top officials of RTC and Metro Rail gave many details regarding the card. They informed the minister about the services available to people starting from the process of issuing the card to its use in different areas.

The minister said first the card will be issued to enable travel in Metro Rail and RTC buses. In near future it will be expanded for use in MMTS, cabs and autos as well. He advised authori-



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KTR directed officials that the card will be issued in the city on an experimental basis. Soon the card service will be expanded across Telangana. Ministers said citizens with the card will have the opportunity to use the National Common Mobility Card wherever they are available across the country. With the card, issued by the government, it will be pos-

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sible to use RTC buses or Metro Rail and other public transport systems without any difficulty when going to other Metro cities, he said.

Officials of Metro Rail and RTC have suggested moving ahead in coordination. MAUD Special Chief Secretary Arvind Kumar tweeted asking the citizens to suggest names.