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State intensifies efforts on issuance of common mobility card for Metro, RTC and other services

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The State government has intensified efforts to introduce a common mobility card enabling people to utilise them for travelling in Metro rail and Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) buses.

Ministers K.T. Rama Rao, Puvvada Ajay Kumar and V. Srinivas Goud held a

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meeting with the officials of the Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) and TSRTC on Thursday, as Metro rail and RTC buses are major mass transport modes in the city.

Officials briefed the Mi-

nisters about the modalities involved in the process, including the issuance of the common mobility card and its uses.

The Ministers said that the card would be issued initially for travel in RTC buses and Metro rail and later extended to MMTS, cabs and auto services.

The services of the card would subsequently be converted as "one card for all needs" catering to other

needs of people, including making purchases.

They directed the officials to take steps to ensure that the card would initially be issued in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) region and later be extended to other parts of the State.

They were confident that once the project became operational, people can utilise the facility as national common mobility

card wherever there was scope. This would enable users to utilise the card in public transport systems like Metro rail and bus services in other metro cities.

They directed the officials to take steps to introduce the card in August second week on an experimental basis.

In this direction, the officials of TSRTC and HMRL should ensure effective coordination.