



Hyderabad MP Assaduddin Owaisi distributing the cheques at the collectorate on Monday, in the presence of district collector Anudeep Durishetty and HMR MD N.V.S. Reddy.

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## Locals give up memories, bldgs for Old City Metro

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Family members of 41 owners, whose properties were affected by the Old City Metro Rail project, have had an attachment to the area for more than three generations, some with homes and others with commercial establishments.

They participated in the cheque distribution programme for compensation and said they are happily handing over their properties for the development of Hyderabad.

When asked about the loss of their property, Mohammed Waseem and his wife, who were present at the event, said, "More than three-fourths

of our commercial-cum-residential property will be razed, but we have no regrets, as we have become contributors to the development of the state. This will boost the economic development of the Old City."

Mohammed Kareem explained that their three-generation-old property, where they have childhood memories, will be razed. However, "there is no complaint regarding the razing as we welcome the long-awaited development of the Old City," he said. The building, which houses one of the popular 'Kabab' centres at Purani Haveli that has been serving people with delicious food for more than 40 years, will be completely demolished.