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He explained to the Prime Minister that the previous State government had neglected the extension works during its decade-long rule. The [current] State government has planned extension of the Metro Rail in five corridors spanning 76.4 km with an estimate of ₹24,269 crore, he said, requesting the Prime Minister to give necessary permissions expeditiously.

The Chief Minister, accompanied by Industries and IT Minister D. Sridhar Babu, called on the Prime Minister in New Delhi on Wednesday morning. Mr. Reddy took several pending issues pertaining to Telangana to the notice of Mr.



Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Wednesday.

Modi. He told the Prime Minister that the State government had completed acquisition of 90% of land required for the northern side of the prestigious Regional Ring Road (RRR). The Central government should therefore give speedy clearance to the southern part of the RRR so that the government could take up works.

Enhanced connectivity

Parallely, the State government had proposed to develop regional ring rail along the RRR to enhance connectivity between different train routes across

the State. At the same time, the government had decided to develop a dry port abutting the RRR to facilitate speedy movement of goods to and from Telangana which was a landlocked State. He sought the Central government's support on granting permission for Greenfield highway and a rail line connecting the dry port with the ports in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh.

The Chief Minister briefed Mr. Modi about Musi rejuvenation project explaining about the cultural and spiritual relation between the river and Telan-

gana. He submitted memorandums to the Prime Minister seeking assistance for the Musi rejuvenation project as also the development of Bapu Ghat in the confluence of Esa and Musi rivers, 27 sewerage treatment plants (STP) for cleansing the river, construction of bunds and retaining walls which needed a central assistance of ₹20,000 crore. In addition, the Centre should extend its assistance to the State in the proposed Godavari Musi linking project and transfer 222.7 acres defence land for taking up Gandhi Sarovar project.

In a separate memorandum, Mr. Reddy said Telangana was allotted 61 IPS cadre posts post bifurcation and an additional 15 posts were added after review in 2015. However, the State would require 29 more of the cadre posts to effectively tackle cyber crime. He sought Mr. Modi's help in ensuring setting up of India Semiconductor Mission in Telangana as the State had conducive atmosphere including skilled manpower.