

TG seeks JICA support for Metro Phase 2, Musi revamp



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The Telangana Government has sought financial assistance from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for a series of big-ticket infrastructure projects like Phase-2 of the Hyderabad Metro Rail, the rejuvenation of the Musi River and radial roads connecting

the Regional Ring Road to the Outer Ring Road.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy led the 'Telangana Rising' delegation at a meeting with JICA's top brass in Tokyo on Thursday. JICA Senior Vice President Shohei Hara and other senior executives of the agency held detailed discussions

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with the Chief Minister and senior officials.

The Telangana team presented a case for funding support, explaining that the state is pushing ahead with big-ticket infrastructure projects to make Hyderabad a global investment destination. Officials explained that the state's pro-investment policies are complemented by a vision to transform Hyderabad into a globally competitive city on par with New York and Tokyo.

The delegation sought JICA's support for the Rs 24,269-crore Metro Rail Phase-2, which is currently under the final consideration of the Centre. Telangana requested JICA to finance 48 per cent of the total project cost, approximately Rs 11,693 crore, as a long-term loan.

The CM assured JICA that all guidelines as per India's external borrowing norms will be strictly followed.

The state also requested JICA's assistance for the Musi Riverfront Development project and the construction of new radial roads, which are critical for decongesting traffic and linking growing urban zones.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister shared his broader vision of transforming Hyderabad into a future-ready metropolis with world-class urban infrastructure.

Shohei Hara, the JICA's Senior Vice President, acknowledged the long-standing relationship between Telangana and JICA and advised the state to route its proposals through the Government of India for formal consideration and support. Special Chief Secretary (Industries and IT) Jayesh Ranjan, Chief Minister's Principal Secretary V. Seshadri, HMRL MD NVS Reddy, HMDA Commissioner Sarfaraz Ahmad, and the CM's Special Secretary Ajit Reddy were also present during the meeting.