

Govt. approves Hyderabad Metro Phase II-B as JV

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Government has issued orders approving Hyderabad Metro Rail (HMR) Phase II-B for three corridors for a length of 86.1 km to be undertaken by the Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited (HAML) as a 50:50 joint venture (JV) with the Central government at an estimated cost of ₹19,579 crore.

This is for Corridor IX - Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) to Future City (Skills University) 39.6 km; Corridor X - JBS to Medchal 24.5 km and Corridor XI - JBS to Shamirpet 22 km as per the proposals submitted by HAML Managing Director N.V.S. Reddy. Telangana government's share will be ₹5,874 crore (30%), Centre's ₹3,254 crore (18%), loan component ₹9,398 crore (48%) from JICA, ADB, NDB, etc., and the PPP - public, private partnership component will be ₹783 crore (4%), as per norms for the funding pattern for the estimated cost.

The HAML MD was asked to take further ac-

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tion. The government order (G.O.) has also pointed out that the government had earlier approved HMR Phase II-A covering five corridors of 76.4 km at an estimated cost of ₹24,269 crore and sent the proposal to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) as this too has been proposed as a Joint Venture with the Centre.

In a separate G.O., Municipal Administration & Urban Development (MA&UD) Secretary K. Illambarthi has ordered the release of ₹125 crore for the ongoing road expansion works between the 7.5-kilometre stretch from M.G. Bus Station (MGBS) to Chandrayanagutta as part of the proposed Phase-II Metro Rail line expansion project. A provision of ₹500 crore has been made in this year's budget for the works.