

Metro rail works gain momentum in old city



Demolition working being carried out for the expansion of metro rail in the Old City.

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The road widening works for the proposed Metro Rail corridor between MGBS and Chandrayangutta in Hyderabad's Old City have gained momentum.

HAML MD NVS Reddy stated that the alignment has been carefully designed to be optimal while minimising the number of affected properties.

"Initially, we estimated that around 1,100 properties would be impacted. However, through redesign and realignment, we've brought

that number down to about 900," said Reddy.

So far, awards have been issued for 412 properties, and demolition work has been completed for 380 properties. Compensation totalling Rs 360 crore has already been disbursed to affected property owners.

"In dense urban areas, houses are closely packed, and many overhead electricity cables and utility lines pose additional complexity. We're proceeding cautiously to avoid disruptions and are carrying out works mainly at night to minimise inconvenience to the public," he added.

A detailed action plan has been prepared to acquire the remaining properties and complete demolitions quickly.

On the construction front, the groundwork for starting metro works is underway. Locations for upcoming metro pillars have been identified, and marking work has commenced.

The pillars for viaduct will be spaced approximately 25 metres (about 82 feet) apart. To prepare for metro stations and pillars, a geotechnical agency has been appointed to conduct soil bearing capacity tests, which will begin shortly.