

Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ Metro-3 corridor MMRC committed to complete construction by the book

Mumbai, December 2, 2016 – “The Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation is committed to complete the construction of Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ Metro-3 corridor by the book”, said Ms.Ashwini Bhide, MD, MMRC.

The State Government (through Collector, Suburban District), by its letter No.C/Desk-3K/Section-387, 395/2012 dated September 3, 2016, has handed over 3 Ha. of land at Aarey Colony abutting the Jogeshwari-Vikhroli Link Road for carrying out temporary activities including construction and casting yard required for the civil packages of the Metro-3 corridor. It is pertinent to note that the said land had been allotted to the private parties by the Dairy Development Department to set up ready mix concrete plants since 2009. And the same has been allotted for the Metro-3 activities after the lease of the private parties expired. “Accordingly, the temporary activities for the Metro-3 corridor have been initiated”, said Ms.Bhide.

The National Green Tribunal, by its order dated July 20, 2015 has restrained any construction and development activities within the boundary of 100 meters of the Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP). The Metro-3 related activities are proposed to be housed in the area beyond the boundary of 100 meters. The National Green Tribunal, by its order dated January 13, 2016, has clarified that there is no restraint on construction activities of Metro-3 corridor.

The Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ Metro-3 corridor is a green project and will ultimately be environmentally beneficial to the city of Mumbai as it would reduce 6.65 lakh vehicle trips daily and save 2.95 lakh liters of fuel every day. “Although, Metro projects do not require specific clearance under Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) notification of 2006 and is not a prohibited activity under the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) notification, MMRC has ensured that all lands – even required temporarily – for the Metro-3 construction receive statutory approvals. The Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority (MCZMA) has, so far, granted CRZ clearances to 16 proposals of Metro-3 and 5 proposals are at the final stage of approval”, informed Ms.Bhide.

The MMRC requires clearance from the Forest Department for BKC and Dharavi Stations and the proposals for the same are at the final stage of approval. The Corporation has already received No Objection Certificate, from the Tree Authority, for eleven station areas namely – Girgaum, Kalbadevi, Grant Road, Vidyanagari, Santacruz, Domestic Airport, International Airport, Sahar Road, Marol, MIDC and SEEPZ. A few more proposals are too at the final stage of approval. **(Ends)**