

AAREY CAR SHED WORK ON TRACK WITH TREE CUTTING NOD

Permission to cut and transplant 124 trees has been received from the Tree Authority.

Aarey car shed is 54% ready and metro train sets will start flowing in from next month to operationalise Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ line.

Tree Authority had approved removal of 84 trees and transplantation of other trees at the site in lieu of compensatory plantation.

REASON BEHIND CUTTING

▶ Cutting was required to operationalise the 33.5km underground metro corridor.

▶ Trees were at the spot where a shunting rail line would come up.

▶ Without removal, it would have been impossible to make the entire Line 3 operational.

UNDERWAY...

▶ Works of civil construction; track laying; overhead equipment laying; operation control centre, workshop, access control buildings; Aarey/ Sariput Nagar station; auxiliary substation building; underground water tank.

▶ Of the 29 stabling lines designed, 9 tracks have been laid inside the depot.

▶ The entire depot is expected to be completed by November this year.

▶ Track laying work for the first phase – between Aarey and BKC – is scheduled to be completed in June this year.

COMPLETION STATUS

Overall project

80%

Phase 1 (Aarey-BKC)

85.2%

Phase 2
(BKC-Cuffe Parade)

76%

Aarey car shed

54%

Aarey station

15%

METRO RAKES

▶ 31 train sets will service the entire route.

▶ Starting next month, two train sets will arrive every month.

▶ Only 9 trains are required to service the first phase scheduled for commissioning in December 2023.



▶ The first train set for the blue line arrived in July 2022 and the second in December last year from Sri City in Andhra Pradesh.

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