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Chennai: Eight more rakes of Chennai Metro Rail train reached Chennai shores on Monday and are expected to be transported to the ₹198 crore, state-of-the-art depot on Tuesday night.

The eight sealed rakes were offloaded from the ship on Monday. They arrived from the Brazilian port of Santos.

With their arrival now, the Chennai Metro Rail yard will have five metro trains. Four more trains, imported from Brazil, are to reach the Chennai shore soon. They will also be shipped out in pairs, a Metro Rail spokesman said.

The coaches were transported from the vessel to Namakkal Transport Carriers (NTC) vehicles. NTC has a three-year contract with Chennai Metro Rail to transport the Metro Rail coaches

from the port as well as Sri City to the yard.

A Metro Rail spokesman said that although the official inauguration of the Sri City plant is yet to happen, the first Chennai Metro train that is being built

in Metro Rail coach making facility at the Sri City Special Economic Zone near Tada in Nellore district will be rolled out by the end of next month. NTC officials said that they have yet to be assigned the dates on when to ship the trains from Sri City.

The rail cars will be produced with an indigenisation level of around 35 per cent. It is believed the site design and construction of the plant is based on technology shared from Alstom's global manufacturing facilities as well as its major transport hub in Lapa in Brazil from where the first metro train was rolled out.

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