

Metro Rail: contracts for viaducts construction awarded

Elevated viaducts to be constructed from Saidapet to OTA

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CHENNAI: The awarding of contracts for design and construction of elevated viaducts for the two corridors of the Chennai Metro Rail Project is nearly completed.

According to a senior official of Chennai Metro Rail official, except for a small portion of the stretch from St. Thomas Mount to Chennai Airport, contracts for construction of elevated viaducts have been awarded.

The design and construction of elevated viaduct does not include stations.

The official told The Hindu on Thursday that two contracts have been awarded to Larsen & Toubro to design and construct the elevated viaducts from Saidapet to Officers Training Academy (OTA) at a cost of Rs.173.30 crore for a distance of 5.17 km and from Ashok Nagar to St. Thomas Mount at a cost of Rs.141.13 crore for 4.56 km. The company has been

given two years to complete the work, which is expected to commence soon, the official said.

Earlier, the Hyderabad-based Soma Enterprise had been signed up for construction of the elevated viaduct for a stretch of 4.5 kilometres from Koyambedu to Ashok Nagar for Rs. 199 crore.

The company has presently taken up piling work.

The first corridor of the Metro Rail would be 23.1 km

long of which 14.3 km would be underground and connect Washermenpet with Airport via Anna Salai.

The second corridor linking Chennai Central with St. Thomas Mount would be routed through Poonamallee High Road, Anna Nagar and 100-foot Inner Ring Road. The second corridor is 22-km long with the corridor from Chennai Central to Anna Nagar 2nd Avenue being underground for a length of 9.7 km.