

# Stations on new lines may have only 2 exits

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The Chennai Metro Rail stations in the Phase II project are likely to have only two entry/exit points for commuters. This is in contrast with stations in the Phase I, where they had four entry/exit points.

According to the officials of the Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL), it will suffice to have just two entry/exit points and there may not be any need for four of them.

## 'Estimates done'

"We have made some estimates on the number of people who will travel and based on that, we think it will be adequate to have just two. Now, we realise that the Phase I project itself could have had just two entry/exit points," an official from CMRL said.

It is to be noted that in the stations of the phase I project, though there are

four entry/exit points, only two remain open at any one time.

Sources said since the system still does not have a large number of people travelling, it was enough to have just two of the entry and exit points operational.

## Station size

Chennai Metro Rail already has plans to cut down the size of stations in the Phase II project; this is primarily done so that number of people whose lands have to be acquired is substantially less.

In the Phase I project, nearly 90,000 square metres of land was needed and for Phase I extension they consciously brought it down to about 40,000 square metres.

But in Phase II, they plan to take over about 25,000-30,000 square metres of land.