

BY THE YEAREND

Metro rail to get stock from Brazil

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The first batch of the state-of-art rolling stock of Chennai Metro Rail would arrive from the factories in Brazil by the yearend.

M/s Alstom Transport SA & Alstom Projects India Ltd, which won the ₹1,471.39 crore contract for manufacture, supply, testing and commissioning of electrical multiple units

and training of personnel, will supply 168 plus an additional 16 metro cars to CMRL. Out of the said number of rolling stock, those required for operation on the Koyambedu-St Thomas Mount elevated stretch, which would be commissioned by December 2013, would reach Chennai by the end of this calendar year, senior CMRL (Chennai Metro Rail Limited) sources told this newspa-

per.

Likewise, rolling stock for the elevated Little Mount-Airport stretch that would be commissioned by the end of 2014 would arrive after the first consignment, senior CMRL officials added. The lighter weight and fully air-conditioned coaches would have features to meet increasing traffic demands.

Similarly, the energy efficient coaches of the metro

rail that can run up to 80 km per hour would have anti-telescopic security features currently available in metro rails operated in international destinations like London, Madrid and some metros in Southeast Asia.

Meanwhile, the uncertainty over progress of works between Officers' Training Academy and Airport ended with the design for the sensitive por-

tion in front of the airport being finalised.

A 500-meter stretch from Salai Vinayagar Koil to Gate no. 6 of the airport would be underground and about 12 meters of land belonging the airport authority would be acquired for the project, senior CMRL sources elaborated, adding that the Metro Rail would climb 200 meters ahead of the Meenambakkam bus stand.