

Minister inspects Metro stations on AG-DMS to Washermanpet stretch

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A month ahead of the opening of the last stretch of Chennai Metro Rail, trains were tested on Thursday on the 10 km stretch from AG-DMS to Washermanpet.

Industries Minister M.C. Sampath inspected the stations including Washermanpet, Chennai Central and High Court stations.

Officials told *The Hindu* that he was happy with the progress of

the work. When asked about the leakages in the stations and falling tiles, an official said there were some corrective actions that he had suggested and that they would be carried out before starting operations.

The initial signalling software had arrived from Germany for this testing and during the time when the trains are tested on this stretch, the officials will check for possible glitches that arise and

the changes that need to be done. After that, the final version of the software will be installed in the first week of January, sources said.

“We plan to schedule the inspection by the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS) after the final version of the signalling software is installed. As soon as the certificate of approval comes, the stretch can be made operational,” he added.