

Final inspection of Metro phase I in mid-January

Checks by Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety mandatory

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The final inspection of the last stretch of Chennai Metro's phase I, from AG-DMS till Washermanpet, will be taken up in mid-January.

According to sources in Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL), the final and mandatory safety inspection by the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS) has been scheduled in the second week of January.

"The documents have been submitted to CMRS. He will have to examine them and if he has any queries, we will have it clarified after which the final inspection will be carried out," an official said.

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tory and the CMRS will inspect various parts of the stations, the facilities available for passengers and if it is safe for passengers to use the stretch. He will also look at the working of systems including signalling and telecommunications, alignment of track and tunnels connecting the stations.

Work on Chennai Metro Rail built at a cost of ₹14,600 crore has been going on for the last six years and this 10 km stretch from AG-DMS to Washermanpet will bring this project to an end.

This stretch which will be fully underground will include stations such as LIC, Thousand Lights, Government Estate, Mannady, Madras High Court and Washermanpet.

When opened, it will give commuters an opportunity to travel from Washermanpet all the way to Chennai airport directly via Little Mount and Guindy. Nearly 35 trains will run at a frequency of five minutes across the 45-km network when the stretch becomes operational.