

# 6 bus stops restored after Metro works

**CHENNAI:** Around six bus stops which were temporarily relocated during the construction of the Metro phase I have been restored to its original position recently.

The bus stops, including Meenambakkam, Tirumangalam, Anna Nagar Tower, Anna Nagar East, Nehru Park and Teynampet were shifted to its earlier place. The bus stops were removed from its existing places and relocated temporarily to facilitate the Metro construction.

Although it caused inconvenience to the public, the authorities took the decision for the smooth construction of Metro across the city. In addition, the MTC had also made changes in the bus routes to ease traffic congestion along the vital roads.

After the Metro phase I, comprising 52 stations and covering 45 km, came into operation last month, the

MTC and Bus Road Routes division of Chennai Corporation took up the initiative to restore the bus stops to its original spots.

"Authorities shifted around six bus stops to its original position for the benefit of the public. The restoration involved a lot of work and it was the reason for the delay," Managing Director of the MTC Anbu Abraham said.

The authorities will shift rest of the temporary bus stops to its original position soon after the elections. During the construction of the Metro, more than 10 bus stops were relocated, including Thousand Lights, Man-nady, LIC and Vadapalani.

Further, the Chennai Corporation is planning to replace 21 bus shelters across the city. They are expected to come up at Teynampet, Kodambakkam and Adyar zones. Authorities said that these works will be undertaken only after elections.