Chennai Metro Rail Limited

<u>Inauguration of New Feeder Services & Charging Facility to</u> <u>Electric Vehicles at Metro Rail Stations</u>

Hon'ble Minister for Industries, Thiru M.C. Sampath, inaugurated the feeder services and Electric Vehicles charging facilities at Nandanam Metro Station on 05-08-2019. Thiru Pankaj Kumar Bansal, I.A.S, Managing Director, Chennai Metro Rail Limited presided over the event.

The Phase – I of Chennai Metro Rail Project covering a total distance of 45 km with two corridors, has been fully commissioned from 10-02-2019. In order to improve the ridership through provisions of first and last mile connectivity for Metrorail commuters, CMRL has taken various initiatives such as introduction of feeder services between Metro stations and houses / work places, enhancing pedestrian access facilities and formation of missing links, etc.,

CMRL has tied up with M/s. Bengaluru Megacabs Private Limited for provision of Feeder Services at operational stations through an app based system developed by Ford Mobility. The proposed feeder operation route covers a distance of 6-8 km from each of the stations, and it would collect passengers from Metro station and drop them at their respective destinations at flat fare of Rs. 10. The ticketing collection system for this service is also integrated with Chennai Metro Smart Card system and Chennai Metro Rail mobile app system.

In the first stage, it is proposed to operate in Chennai Central, Government Estate, LIC, Thousand Lights, AG-DMS and Nandanam. Thiru. M.C. Sampath, Hon'ble Minister for Industries has inaugurated the services today (05-08-2019) at Nandanam Metro Station. It is proposed to extend the services in the remaining metro stations shortly.

In order to promote green transport in Chennai city, CMRL joined hands with Energy Efficiency Services Limited, a Government of India enterprise and plans to install EV chargers in 26 metro stations. To start with, EV charger facility for cars, two and three wheelers has been inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister for Industries today at Nandanam Metro Station.

Thiru. Pankaj Kumar Bansal, IAS, Chaired the function and Tmt.Sujatha Jayaraj, Director (Finance), Thiru Rajeev Narayan Dwivedi, Director (Projects), Thiru L.Narasim Prasad, Director (incharge) / Systems & Operations along with Chief General Managers, Thiru Sanjeev Rana, Vice President (Operations), M/s. Bengaluru Megacabs Private Limited, Tmt, Savitri Singh, Additional General Manager, Energy Efficiency Services Limited and other Officials of CMRL were present during the above occasions.