

1st train for Washermenpet Metro flagged off

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THE first 10 train sets ordered for Metro Rail Phase-I extension from Washermenpet to Wimco Nagar was flagged off from Sri City (Andhra Pradesh) on Saturday.

The train was flagged off by Pankaj Kumar Bansal, Managing Director, Chennai Metro Rail, along with Odin Bruno Alstom, Managing Director for rolling stock and components, Alstom.

Chennai Metro Rail awarded contract in March 2018 to consortium of Alstom Transport,

France and Alstom Transport India Limited for supply of 10 train sets with the same configuration and specifications as supplied to Phase-I project.

Cost of supply is about ₹200 crore with loan assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Manufacture commenced in February this year. The trains have undergone tests and inspections which were witnessed and approved by CMRL

The Phase - I of Chennai Metro Rail Limited project, which covers 45 km, is fully operational from February 10.

The Phase-I extension of 9.051 km is being implemented at an estimated completion cost of ₹3770 crore.

Construction, which was inaugurated by the then Chief Minister J Jayalalitha on July 23, 2016, is expected to be completed in June 2020.

On arrival of the train sets, further tests such as slow speed and high speed routine tests at depot and mainline will be done before deploying it for passenger service.

Remaining nine train sets are under various stages of manufacture.

They are expected to be delivered by February 2020 end.

What's in store

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