

■ Rakes to be used for phase 1 extension

New metro train sets reach CMRL depot

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A total of 10 metro train sets has reached CMRL depot with the 10th metro train reaching the depot on Thursday morning. On arrival of the train sets, routine tests such as slow and high will be undertaken at the depot and mainline before deploying it to passenger service, according to CMRL press release.

The phase-I of Chennai metro rail project covering a distance of 45 km is fully operational from February 2019. The phase-I extension project from Washermanpet to Thiruvottriyur / Wimco Nagar (9.051 Km) is being implemented at an



Metro staff with the new arrival.

estimated completion cost of ₹3770 crore and is expected to be completed in June 2020.

In respect of phase-I extension project, CMRL has awarded contract in March 2018, to the consortium of Alstom Transport, France and Alstom Transport India Limited for supply of 10 train sets with the same configura-

tion and specifications as supplied to phase-I project.

The train sets were being manufactured at Alstom's factory at Sri City, near Tada, Andhra Pradesh.

The manufacturing of train sets commenced in February 2019. The trains have undergone various tests. The first metro train set was dispatched in October last year.