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Chennai Metro Rail Well Prepared to Tackle North-East Monsoon Season

North-East monsoon Precautionary meeting was held at the CMRL head office with Thiru. Rajesh Chaturvedi, Director (Systems and Operations) of CMRL.

The regional Meteorological Centre, Chennai has forecast that there is a possibility of heavy rains and cyclones due to the Northeast monsoon. To face these challenges, CMRL takes various precautionary measures to ensure safe travel for Metro passengers and the general public. Chennai Metro Rail Limited is working in coordination with the Greater Chennai Corporation to deal with any situation that may arise during the crisis management.

The following precautionary measures have been taken:

CMRL has deployed 350 water pumps with various capacities to constantly monitor rising water levels and to dewater flooded areas. Water discharge machines will be kept ready at the Metro stations at St. Thomas Mount, Koyambedu, Arignar Anna Alandur Metro, Wimco Nagar and Washermanpet.

Police personnel will be deployed to monitor the areas where rainwater from the elevated track may flow into the tunnel track and to prevent anyone from diverting rainwater to that area.

Temporary retaining walls will be kept ready at the station entry points of Saidapet, AGDMS, Government Estate, Anna Nagar East and Anna Nagar Tower Metro stations. A team will be formed to monitor all Metro stations 24/7 from the OCC of CMRL. The helpline number 1860-425-1515 will also be operational 24/7. More than 200 workers are involved in the precautionary measures work. In addition, enough earthen bags and water discharge machines will be kept ready to prevent rainwater from entering the Metro stations. Employees and officials have been appointed to monitor all these works 24/7.

Monitoring officers have been appointed to ensure that there is no damage due to rainwater in the areas where work is being carried out in the phase 2 Project. 8 officers have been appointed from Madhavaram Milk Colony to SIPCOT Siruseri on corridor 3, 6 officers from Lighthouse to Poonamallee Bypass on corridor 4 and 6 officers from Madhavaram Milk Colony to Sholinganallur on Corridor 5.

CMRL is committed to the safety and well-being of its passengers and the public. The organization is taking all necessary steps to ensure that the Phase-2 project is completed on time, even during the challenging Monsoon season.

Thiru A.R Rajendran, CGM (RS), Thiru. S.K. Natarajan GM (E&M), Thiru, S. Satheesh Prabhu, AGM (RS&O), Thiru. T.P. Vinod Kumar AGM (HR) and other officials of CMRL were present during the meeting.

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