

# Metro rail stations to have high security system

There will be extensive Close-Circuit Television coverage of stations, parking, and circulation areas

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**HYDERABAD:** The Hyderabad Metro Rail stations will have security arrangements akin to those in airports.

There would be extensive Close-Circuit Television (CCTV) coverage of stations, parking and circulation areas and a sophisticated intrusion detection system (IDS) will be installed at platform ends, viaducts and track areas.

The metro rail CCTV cameras would be linked to police main control room and there would be centralised moni-

toring at central security control room.

## High-level meeting

These decisions were taken at a high level official meeting convened by the Ministry of Home Affairs in New Delhi on Thursday.

The meeting was attended by Hyderabad Metro Rail Managing Director N.V.S. Reddy, Joint Commissioner of Hyderabad Police (Security), Kumar Viswajit, senior officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Urban Development, Intelligence

• Metro rail CCTV cameras to be linked to police main control room with centralised monitoring

• Locked gates at platform-ends and installation of IDS will secure the viaduct and track areas

Bureau (IB), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and representative engineers and architects of Larsen & Toubro.

The meeting broadly finalised the security arrangements for Metro Rail stations, parking and circulation areas, viaduct and track, trains, de-

pot areas, vital installations and machinery, operations control centre (OCC) and construction sites, according to a HMR press release here

## X-ray machines

Passenger security will be mainly ensured through access control and installation

of CCTVs at stations, sensors and alarms for monitoring of unmanned areas, checking and frisking of passengers at concourse gates, scanning of baggage, installation of intrusion detection systems (IDS), on-board surveillance through video recording in trains, anti-sabotage checking, etc.

Bigger X-ray machines will be installed at important stations.

Locked gates at platform-ends and installation of IDS will secure the viaduct and track areas by making them

inaccessible to passengers and outsiders.

## Anti-sabotage check

Trains will be subject to thorough anti-sabotage checking in the depots and stabling yards before the start of daily operations.

Elaborate fire fighting arrangements and dedicated water supply for fire-fighting at each station would be provided.

It was also decided that along with proper antecedent verification by police, biometric passes will be issued to

all the regular employees, contract labour and casual labour. Private security agencies deployed for this purpose will work under the supervision of regular police.

## AFC gates

HMR MD Mr. N.V.S. Reddy has stated that the metro station layouts envisage proper positioning of AFC (Automatic Fare Collection) gates, baggage screening facilities, adequate space before ticket counters and gates to avoid crowding. The layout and positioning is based on interna-

tional experience and the security lessons learnt by Delhi Metro.

## Cyber security

Similarly, cyber security measures would be given special emphasis with provision of IT and communication network security, security of SCADA systems, installation of dedicated data transmission networks, strict access control/password protection and firewalls, regular threat assessment and audit by both internal and external IT security professionals, he added.