

55% WORK ON METRO 3 CAR SHED OVER TRAINS MAY RUN AAREY TO BKC IN JUNE

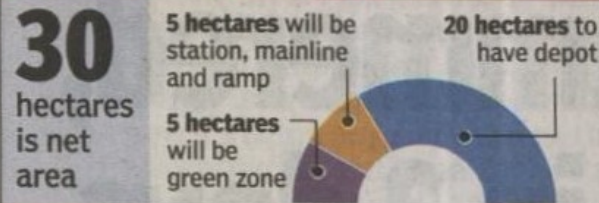
The Metro 3 car shed at Aarey will be ready by June as 55% of work has been completed. This will enable Phase I operations between Aarey and BKC to begin soon after that, the project's implementing authority, MMRCL, has announced. **Manthan K Mehta** reports

₹328cr
Estimated cost
for building depot

55%
Work
completion



THE DEPOT



> The depot's facilities will include rake maintenance workshop, washing plant, power sub-station, stores for spares, admin office and canteen. 70% of area to be unpaved. 30% to be surfaced over

WORK COMPLETED

Earthwork completed for

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> Laying of tracks for 28 stabling lines*. Each line is 220-metre long

> Laying 675-metre long test track for rakes

> Washing line, with a capacity for handling six trains per hour. Seven maintenance lines in inspection shed



*By March, three stabling lines need to be ready for three rakes

WORK IN PROGRESS

Overhead equipment | Aarey station (for MMRCL personnel who will work at the depot) | Administrative building (the four-storey structure will house Metro 3's operations and control centre, offices, etc) | **Wheel lathe plant** | **Power sub-station**



WORK STARTED 5 YRS AGO



Sept 2017: Work on Metro 3 depot begins at Aarey

Oct 2019: Bombay high

court dismisses petitions to declare Aarey a forest and refuses to stop felling 2,500 trees for the depot. Within hours, 2,141 trees are cut. Later, Supreme Court stays tree cutting

Nov 2019: The then chief minister

Uddhav Thackeray stays depot work on environmental grounds

July 2022: Chief minister Eknath Shinde's government announces resumption of depot work following previous court clearances

“ We hope to finish all necessary depot work by June — **Ashwini Bhide** | MANAGING DIRECTOR, MMRCL