



Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ Metro-3 Corridor

MMRC Committed to in-situ tree plantation near Metro Stations

Mumbai, August 14, 2024 – Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) has adopted the minimum tree removal approach for construction of Metro-3. Although, the Tree Authority permitted to remove 3772 trees, the corporation has removed only 3093 trees and retained 679 trees in original locations. MMRC took note of misleading media reports published recently on in-situ plantation.

Complying the commitment made to Hon'ble High Court, MMRC started to plant 2931 trees near Metro-3 station locations (in-situ) at an overall cost Rs 12 crore.

Three contracts; Pkg. 19, 20 & 21 are awarded for implementation of in-situ plantation. This plantation process involved 3 stages; First growing of trees upto final girth of 46cm in stipulated period at the nurseries (area 2 ha.) In stage 2, transportation of these advance sized trees from the nurseries to specific locations in Mumbai; actual plantation at station sites and stage 3, maintenance for 3 years thereafter including replacing any casualties.

Awarded cost of 3 contracts for total 2931 trees is Rs. 12,01,66,136/- with average cost of Rs. 41,000/- per tree.

This type of plantation is first of its kind initiative implemented in an infrastructure project in India, where contractor has to grow tree, till the species attains 46 cm girth and then plantation at particular location and maintain it further. Hence rate for conventional plantation cannot be compared with rates in this contract.

MMRC has already planted 683 number of trees as of 12th August,2024 at station sites and status is being appraised to High Court appointed Committee from time to time. The HC appointed committee is closely monitoring the compliances of their directives issued on the progress of in-situ plantation program in every meeting. *(Ends)*

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