

Phase 1 of Metro 3 to undergo testing in June

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THE MUMBAI Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC), nodal agency for city's underground Metro Line 3 connecting Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ, has requested the Research Designs & Standards Organisation (RDSO) to test the rolling stock, or trains, for the first phase of underground Metro Line 3.

A top official said the RDSO team is expected to visit by the first week of June. In addition to this, MMRC will also obtain other required clearance certificates, including independent safety assessment certificates. Following this, MMRC will approach the Commissioner for Metro Rail Safety (CMRS) to initiate commercial operations for Phase 1. The official said they are working diligently to meet the deadline and anticipate the commencement of Phase 1 from Aarey to Bandra Kurla Complex soon with availability of 19 rakes of eight cars each.

Metro Line 3 is set to become a major arterial line for Mumbai, running in the north-south direction and promising to alleviate road congestion.