

METRO-3 WORK TO START IN OCT.

Mumbai: Work on the Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ Metro-3 project will begin by October 2016, Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (MMRC) said in a statement on Wednesday. Subsequently, MMRC signed an agreement with the four civil contractors on Wednesday, who have been awarded the six packages.

An agreement with one remaining contractor will be signed shortly, MMRC added in the statement. "Signing the agreement means a formal go-ahead to the contractors and we expect the actual work to begin by October 2016. At present, preparatory work such as conducting surveys and other related investigations is in progress, and we are waiting for the monsoon to get over," said Ms Ashwini Bhide, MD, MMRC. The selection of the civil contractors was undertaken as per JICA procurement guidelines through international competitive bidding. The 33.5-km-long Metro-3 corridor will be built underground, with 27 stations.