

Azad Maidan Metro-3 work to start in Oct

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Tunnelling work for the Colaba-Bandra-Seepz Metro-3 underground corridor for Azad Maidan in South Mumbai will begin in October. The tunnel boring machine (TBM) would be arriving from China within the next week.

Earlier last week, MMRC received the first of the 17 TBMs from China. That particular TBM machine will be used to construct a

6.10-km long tunnel between Dharavi and Siddhivinayak Metro stations, with Shitla Devi and Dadar stations in between, for which the machine will be launched from Naya Nagar in Mahim.

SK Gupta, director (projects), MMRC, said, "Tunnelling work from Azad Maidan in CST will begin in October, followed by work for Vidyanagari in November, Pali ground at Andheri also in November, and for Cuffe Parade in February or March. We would again

like to ensure people do not fear their buildings could collapse due to the tunnelling work."

"Around 100 workers including experts, engineers and labourers would be working in two shifts of 12 hours. Tunnelling work will be ongoing for approximately two years, with work continuing day and night," said Gupta

He added that MMRC is trying to get CM Devendra Fadnavis to inaugurate the tunnelling work when the cutting process starts.