

Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ Metro-3 Corridor
MMRC to distribute more than 25,000 saplings in the vicinity of Metro-3 alignment stations under “Project Neighbourhood”

Mumbai, February 27, 2017 - Keeping in tune with its Green Policy, the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) has decided to take up initiative to increase green cover under “Project Neighbourhood” wherein more than 25,000 saplings will be distributed among housing societies, hospitals, schools in the vicinity of the proposed 27 stations on the Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ Metro-3 alignment.

This green initiative is over and above the compensatory plantation stipulated by the Tree Authority, MCGM, while approving the tree cutting proposal submitted by MMRC.

The Tree Authority has identified in all 3,891 trees at the proposed station locations of the Metro-3 corridor out of which 1,074 trees will be cut and 1,727 trees will be transplanted. As per the norms set by Tree Authority, the MMRC will have to plant 3 trees for each tree cut. Accordingly, MMRC will plant more than 3,000 trees as part of the compensatory plantation and in addition to this, MMRC has decided to distribute around 1,000 trees at each proposed station of the Metro-3 corridor. All five contractors in seven civil packages of Metro-3 corridor will ensure that plantation of the saplings is done keeping in mind the environmental requirements. Municipal grounds and other lands taken for temporary use for underground Metro-3 project will be restored and returned to authority concerned along with the plantation.

MS. Ashwini Bhide, Managing Director, MMRC said, ‘MMRC is executing a public transportation project which aims at protecting Mumbai’s environment in the long run by reducing 6.5 Lakh vehicle trips per day and in turn by reducing carbon footprint. MMRC regrets the temporary loss of the trees to achieve longer goal of environment protection however it is inevitable and we are fully prepared to compensate for the same in the most scientific and professional manner. The corporation has also taken note of the concerns raised by the citizens and has launched the “Project Neighbourhood” programme’

Once commissioned Metro-3 project is likely to reduce emission of CO2 and other greenhouse gases to the tune of 6800 tonnes per year in the year 2021. The “Project Neighbourhood” will be launched on the auspicious occasion of Gudi Padwa. (Ends)
