Metro 3 Ph 1 not starting from July 24

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Stating that the news about operations of Metro 3 or Aqua Line from July 24 is untrue, the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (MMRCL) said it is yet to finalise the date. It said that the operations on phase 1 of Metro 3 between Aarey Colony and BKC will start once all certifications are received. After becoming fully operational, Metro 3 or Aqua line will run between Colaba and SEEPZ.

"The inspection by the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS) is yet to happen. The date of commissioning the service will be decided only after we get the CMRS nod. There is a likelihood of inviting the authority for inspection this month," a senior MMRCL official said.

There are multiple layers of sequential clearances required from agencies like Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO), Independent Safety Assessor (ISA) and CMRS. "While the RDSO has completed the inspection, the ISA checks are underway," the official said.