

Mumbai Metro 3: Over 2,000 families rehabilitated so far

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WITH THE Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (MMRCL) making steady progress on the city's first underground metro, a total of 2,125 families have been rehabilitated so far, officials said. The families have been relocated to SRA (Slum Rehabilitation Authority) buildings under the Mumbai Urban Transport Project's policy for rehabilitation and resettlement.

The MMRCL is the implementing authority undertaking Mumbai's first underground metro called Line 3, which will connect Colaba to SEEPZ via the Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC).

The authority is also implementing a first-of-its-kind in-situ rehabilitation scheme for project-affected families (PAFs). Under the scheme, 733 tenants from 30 old buildings - demolished for the project - are being rehoused in three multi-story buildings in the same neighbourhood. The flats "will be bigger in size compared to

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their existing dwellings and come with modern amenities", officials said.

As per the MMRCL, G3, one of the buildings, will have 473 residential flats, 133 commercial shops, and 19 commercial offices. The K2 building will have 33 shops, 38 offices, and a fish market (Ground + 2 floors) while the K3 building will have around 200 residential units and eight commercial shops. The construction of all three buildings is in progress.

Meanwhile, the MMRCL aims to begin commercial operations for Metro 3 civil work by the end of this year. There are a total of nine stations in the first phase. The second phase is expected to be completed in the next six months.