10% of Metro-3 work finished, says MMRC

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The Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) on Thursday announced that it has completed 10 per cent of the civil construction work for the Colaba-BKC-Seepz Metro-3 underground corridor. It has claimed that piling work has been completed on many locations and that the tunnel boring machines (TBM) will start arriving in the city from July onwards and the tunnelling work will begin from October.

"Based on the ongoing work progress we can safely say that 10 per cent of the civil works is completed and the tunnelling will begin by October," said S.K. Gupta, director (projects), MMRC.

Currently, secant-piling work is ongoing and launching of the shaft has started at Azad Maidan, Cuffe Parade, Science Museum, Siddhivinayak Temple, Naya Nagar, Sahar Road, Pali Ground and Sariput Nagar.

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₹18,114.9 crore in seven packages. The overall cost of the project is around ₹23,000 crore of which the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is providing around ₹13,000 crore as a project loan.

Currently, the MMRC is also studying on how the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) would affect the total cost of the project, as there would be relief in terms of taxation. Mr Gupta, said, "We have the clause of taxation changing mentioned in out contract and if there is any decrease in the project cost of the Metro-3 line due to GST we will have pay less to the contractor."

The Metro-3 corridor would be a crucial north-south link connecting major central business districts like that of Nariman Point, Bandra-Kurla Complex and Seepz in Andheri.