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MESSAGE

India is poised for rapid economic growth leading to rapid urbanisation. It is projected that India's urban population would grow to about 473 million in 2021 and 820 million by 2051, as against only 285 million in 2001. Cities must not only meet the mobility needs of the current population but also provide for the needs of those yet to gain the urban population. For urban areas to be able to support the required level of economic activity, they must provide for an easy, economical and sustainable flow of goods and people to which Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India is committed to.

Kolkata East-West Metro Project from Howrah to Salt Lake Sector-V being executed by Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (KMRCL), a joint venture of Government of India & Government of West Bengal, is a step forward in providing an efficient, affordable & sustainable urban transport system to the people of Kolkata. The total length of the ensuing Metro Rail Project is 14.67 km and is targeted for completion by 2015-16.

I express my compliments to KMRCL and all the staffs who are putting all their sincere efforts in shaping of the new Kolkata Metro Rail Project.

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