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### Mumbai Monorail Inaugurated In Malaysia



India's first four-car train to provide feeder service to Mumbaikars was previewed and inaugurated at a manufacturing facility in North Kuala Lumpur by the Metropolitan Commissioner of Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA), Ratnakar Gaikwad, yesterday.

Terming it as a significant move, the commissioner said that the MMRDA was looking forward to start operating the service by mid-2011.

Syahrnizam Samsudin, President of Scomi Engineering, said, "The Mumbai Monorail project is a commendable step undertaken by the state through the MMRDA to improve the traffic and transportation scenario in Mumbai. With our state-of-the-art manufacturing facility, which undertakes in-house production and system testing, we look forward to meeting the global expectations entrusted upon us by our clients."

The company, along with the MMRDA, conducted the successful trail-run of the first monorail car in Mumbai early this year. Scomi now plans to complete and dispatch one train every month starting July 2010 and is targeting 15 trains by early 2011 in Mumbai to begin trial runs before commencing operation.

#### **On track from April '11**

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FIVE months after the Republic Day test run of a monorail car in Wadala, the first of the four-car trains for the Mumbai Monorail Project would arrive in Mumbai next month. The air-conditioned four-car train was recently unveiled before senior state government officials at Scomi's Rawang plant, in Kuala Lumpur.

"After the trial run, we have been steadily working to meet project deadlines set by the MMRDA. We plan to complete and despatch a rake every month, starting July, from our manufacturing unit in Malaysia," said Syahrunizam Samsudin, president, Scomi Engineering.

Scomi, along with Larsen & Toubro, is currently working on building India's first monorail route, in Mumbai.

Metropolitan Commissioner Ratnakar Gaikwad also expressed concerns about the monorail depot, which was to come up in Wadala by June. "We have had a discussion with Larsen & Toubro officials and want to strictly adhere to the deadline," Metropolitan Commissioner Ratnakar Gaikwad said, adding there were some issues related to beams, which could delay the project if not sorted out in time. "There are two kinds of beams, straight and curved. Problems with the curved beams are causing the delay. We are rectifying it. Our consultants have been told to have 100 per cent accuracy in this," Gaikwad added.

The first 20-km route of the monorail, being built by the L&T-Scomi consortium, has been planned between Chembur and Jacob Circle via Wadala at a cost of Rs 2,460 crore. The first phase from Chembur to Wadala is to be commissioned by December 2010. Each monorail, which comprises four coaches, can accommodate 600 passengers. Nearly 0.3 million commuters would be transported daily along the proposed route.

"The Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the monorail network for Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) has been finalised and we intend to build 180 kms of the monorail network in five years. After the Thane-Bhiwandi-Kalyan corridor, we are planning a line from Lokhandwala to Secpore. It will cover Jogeshwari-Vikhroli Link Road (JVLR)," said Gaikwad.

As per plan, the MMRDA also intends to have a monorail network from Borivali to Malund, Flora Fountain to Ghatkopar and to Mulund and Shilphata-Nilje Diva.

The MMRDA is also toying with the idea of starting a Light Rail Transit (LRT) on the lines of the one in Malaysia. "We would want to have an LRT in India. As per the DPR, Shilphata-Nilje-Diva is to have a monorail corridor and we may consider an LRT there. We are working on the cost factor and if we find LRT economical then we may consider that as an option," Gaikwad added.



**The interior of the AC monorail**



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Scomi said that the Mumbai monorail would see a total of 15 monorail trains of four coaches each. It won the open tender in 2008 to set up the monorail in collaboration with Larsen and Toubro Ltd.

The first monorail coach arrived in Mumbai in January this year and Scomi successfully carried out the test run of the coach on a 500 metre test track on Wadala depot.

Mr Gaikwad noted that Scomi needed to talk to its partner to work faster with the civil work. "There are issues there, but from concept to commissioning Scomi had finished in less than two and half years," he noted. "It is one of the fastest executed projects," he added.

The second corridor project would cost at least one billion US dollars but "will be on a public, private partnership," he said.

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# Slow L&T needs to catch up: MMRDA

## Officials unveil first monorail in Malaysia

**Ninad Siddhaye.** Kuala Lumpur

The Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) on Monday expressed unhappiness over the "tardiness" of Larsen & Toubro handling civil works in the monorail project.

MMRDA metropolitan commissioner Ratnakar Gaikwad, who previewed and inaugurated

India's first four-car monorail at Rawang, Kuala Lumpur, on Monday, said he was happy with the speed and quality of work done by Scomi Engineering, which constructed the rake.

"Scomi has done an excellent job. I hope L&T finishes the civil works as early as possible," Gaikwad said, adding that the MMRDA has set extremely high standards for the civil work alignment.

The blue car rake has a capacity to carry about 600 passengers and is expected to be dispatched to India later this month. The



**ON TRACK:** The four-rake Mumbai monorail was unveiled in Kuala Lumpur on Monday

first phase of the monorail, which runs on a single beam, is expected to start by the year end. It will run between Wadala and Chembur.

TC Benjamin, principle secretary, urban development department, said he was happy with the changes made by the Scomi engineers in the monorail. "We had asked them not to keep cushion seats since they can be easily tampered with. Now, the train has steel seats that are comfortable," Benjamin said.

Tan Sri Asmat, chairman of Scomi Group; UPS Madan of the Mumbai Transformation Support Unit; and SVR Srinivas, additional metropolitan commissioner, also inspected the monorail coach.