

## MAHA METRO RAIL CORPORATION LIMITED

## (NAGPUR METRO RAIL PROJECT)

## Maha Metro Nagpur to Start Railway Station Flyover Demolition from 19th July



NAGPUR: The much-awaited demolition of Tekdi Fly—over will be undertaken by Maha Metro Nagpur from 19th July 2023 (Wednesday). The shops under the flyover have been vacated and shifted. The Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) has given its goahead for the demolition.

All necessary precautions are being taken for demolition, with diversion boards and barricades being put up at specific locations. The traffic department, Nagpur Police have given the necessary permission for diversion of vehicular traffic. Security personnel will be deployed at the site, during the demolition stage.

The 812-meter-long and 10.5 meter broad Tekdi flyover was constructed in 2008 at a cost of ₹ 16.23 crore. Over all 175 shops were constructed under the flyover. However, considering the traffic bottleneck at Jai Stambh Square area, it was proposed to make suitable changes in the entire stretch of road surrounding Jai Stambh Square to address this traffic problem.

Accordingly a plan was devised and 2-arm flyover along Kings Way and a Rail-under-Bridge (RuB) near existing Loha Bridge was proposed. Along with these two, it was also decided to demolish the fly-over and instead construct road there. The entire proposal was vetted and cleared by Visvesaraya Institute of National Technology (VNIT).

The report was submitted in 2018 and subsequently the entire work was allotted to Nagpur Metro on deposit work basis. Accordingly the Kings Way flyover and RuB was constructed and later inaugurated on 1st April early this year. As per the VNIT report, the existing Flyover opposite Railway Station, which connects Jai Stambh and Manas Square has to be demolished to pave way for construction of at-grade cement concrete road.

To accommodate shop-keepers operating under Fly-over, Maha Metro constructed 111 shops and handed over the same to NMC for allotment to them. The shop-keepers had sought legal intervention leading to delay in execution of the entire process. However, the shop-keepers below the Flyover have now shifted their operations and NMC has given its go ahead for demolition of the Flyover.

The demolition would be undertaken by NCC through Messer Matte. In fact, the same agency had demolished Chhatrapati Square Flyover, on Wardha Road. ``The entire

demolition process should be over in 15 days and could be delayed depending on prevailing weather conditions. The demolition would be undertaken by Disintegration of Concrete by Pavement Breaker Process," confirmed Shri Rajeev Tyagi, Project Director, Maha Metro.

## Traffic Plan:

- The traffic from Central Avenue towards LIC or RBI Square and vice versa, would continue as it is.
- The traffic from LIC or RBI Square towards Central Avenue or Railway Station too would remain unaffected.
- Those travelling from Central Avenue and wanting to move towards Railway Station have to take left turn and reach their destination, as before.
- Vehicular movement on Flyover from either side Jai Stambh Square and Manas Square will be prohibited.