

Odisha plans metro, signs contract for preparation of project report

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The Odisha Government today signed an agreement for preparation of a detailed project report (DPR) for metro rail services between Cuttack and Bhubaneswar.

The agreement was signed between Secunderabad-based Balaji Railroad System Ltd and the State's Housing and Urban Development Department. The agency would prepare the DPR of the mass rapid transit system (MRTS) covering the 30-km distance between Bhubaneswar and Cuttack.

The consultant agency would get Rs 2.52 crore for preparation of the DPR within a period of 10 months, said Housing and Urban Development Minister Pushendra Singhdeo, who was present during the signing of the agreement.

The project financing structure involves 50 per cent funding by the Centre under the Urban Transport Planning scheme and the remaining 50 per cent by the Odisha Government.

The broad scope of work for the agency is to prepare the DPR covering traffic demand assessment and system selection, including mobility analysis, alignment studies, multimodal land integration plan, land acquisition details, and transit-oriented development.

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