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MMRDA awards a Rs.3015 crore Contract to BEML

Bharat Earth Movers Ltd (BEML), a central public sector undertaking, has bagged a contract worth Rs.3,015 crore from MMRDA for providing rolling stock on three Mumbai Metro corridors. The order includes manufacture of 378 Metro cars (63 Metro trains of 6 cars each) for Mumbai Metro Corridor 2A, 2B and 7. BEML was the lowest among seven bidders, which included 6 internationally renowned bidders namely Alstom, Bombardier, CAF, CRRC, Titagarh, Hyundai Rotem. The state-of-the-art, driverless trains will be manufactured indigenously by BEML. Under the present contract, BEML will sub-contract some design to Hitachi. The coaches will be manufactured in the BEML factory at Bengaluru.

The ministry of housing and urban affairs (MoHUA) has adopted 'Make in India' public procurement policy for Metro rail systems. MoHUA has also stipulated that minimum 75 per cent of the coaches procured against any tender have to be manufactured in India. Accordingly, Alstom, Bombardier, BEML, and Titagarh have setup manufacturing units in India, substantially reducing the cost to the exchequer. The award price per coach, which is less than Rs8.00 crore (including spares, design, installation, and commissioning) is lowest recorded in recent times.

The project is being assisted by Asian Development Bank and the procurement has been done following their guidelines and concurrence.

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