Metro project on track, Telangana tells Centre

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HYDERABAD: Telangana Chief Secretary Rajiv Sharma on Monday met the Cabinet Secretary and the Principal Secretary to the President in connection with the Hyderabad Metro Rail project.

Accompanied by the adviser to the Government B.V. Papa Rao, the Chief Secretary said the Telangana government was fully supporting the project and there are no serious issues pending with the Government in its implementation. He made it clear that the project was being implemented faster than any other project in the country by Larsen & Toubro (L&T).

In the fiscal and financial milestones of implementation of this project are on target, he added.

Mr. Papa Rao apprised the Cabinet Secretary and the Principal Secretary that the recent letter of L&T on Metro Rail Project and its leakage to select newspapers is the handiwork of the Andhra lobby supported by their media to tarnish the brand image of Hyderabad.

The Centre assured its full cooperation in implementation of the project, a press release said here.

Red sanders auction: A.P. to file counter before NGT

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HYDERABAD: The Andhra Pradesh government will file a counter affidavit in the next couple of days before the National Green Tribunal (NGT) seeking to vacate the stay given by it on the auction of seized red sanders logs planned to be held from October 17 to 19.

In the wake of the stay given by the NGT on the petition of a resident of Chennai, the State government along with the Forest Department had objected to the inclusion of red sanders in the list of auctionable products. The NGT, however, on September 30 took a decision on a ban in schools, she said.

Human Rights cell of the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee too urged the Minister to ban cellphones on school and college premises.

In fact, some schools have already banned them on their premises. On introduction of uniforms, Ms. Umasheer said a decision on a dress code would be taken after discussing the issue with officials of the Primary and Secondary Education Departments.