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Tenders floated for phase 1 of regional rapid transit system

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GURUGRAM: The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) last week floated the first batch of tenders for pre-construction work on the Delhi-Gurugram-SNB (Shahjahanpur-Neemrana-Behror) Urban Complex line of the upcoming Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS). Construction of the first phase of the corridor, which will run from Sarai Kale Khan in Delhi to the SNB Urban Complex in Rajasthan, is expected to begin in October 2019, confirmed NCRTC officials on Sunday. This line is expected to reduce the travel time between Gurugram's Rajeev Chowk and Delhi airport to just ten minutes.

The NCRTC, on Thursday, invited bids for geo-physical investigation and pile load testing along a 71km stretch of the corridor, which will run from the IDPL complex at Dundahera, Gurugram, to Dharuhera near Rewari.

Geo-physical tests, carried out by geology engineers, will help determine the surface and sub-surface nature of the soil, whereas on site pile load testing will help determine the strength of concrete to be used later.

These tenders are the second major development concerning

the Delhi-Gurugram-SNB RRTS corridor after the NCRTC board approved its detailed project report on December 6.

"Once implemented, this corridor will encourage people to leave their personal vehicles behind for a world-class public transport system. The Haryana government is also keen to start work on it soon," said Sudhir Kumar Sharma, chief public relations officer, NCRTC. He added that this RRTS line would have three stations in Gurugram, in Sector 17, Udyog Vihar and Rajiv Chowk, which will be built as part of the first phase of the project.

In the second and third phases of construction, the RRTS will be extended towards Alwar in Rajasthan, running a total length of 106kms between Awar and Sarai Kale Khan in Delhi. Work is scheduled to be completed in six years, including one year of pre-construction activities, according to NCRTC corporate communications office. It will be built at a base construction cost of ₹24,975 crores.

Twenty percent of the cost will be footed by the Government of India, while 20% will be supplied by the state governments of Delhi, Haryana and Rajasthan. Bi- and multi-lateral funding agencies will furnish the remaining 60% of the cost.