<u>Union Cabinet Approves India's first Regional Rail along with</u> <u>Metro in Meerut</u>

<u>Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Corridor of Regional Rapid Transit</u> <u>System and Metro in Meerut Approved by Union Cabinet.</u>

New Delhi, 19th February 2019: Union Cabinet today approved India's first Regional Rail between Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut with Metro in Meerut. This 82km stretch will be covered in less than 60 mins by high-speed, high-frequency, safe, reliable, comfortable & green public transit.

Joining city centre to city centre, RRTS trains will reduce pollution and road congestion taking more than one lakh private vehicles off-road. High speed mobility will also drive balanced socio-economic growth with increased economic activities and will improve quality of life of citizens.

Metro services with 12 stations on 18 kms. stretch between Modipuram and Meerut South stations on RRTS infrastructure will meet the local mobility needs of Citizens of Meerut besides providing efficient regional connectivity.

RRTS Trains will be equipped with modern features like CCTV surveillance, Mobile/Laptop Charging points, Luggage space etc. All station and trains will have universal accessibility for specially-abled. Each train will have a Business Class and a Ladies coach.

RRTS stations will be seamlessly integrated with other transport modes like Airport, Railway, Metro, ISBTs etc. and will be inter-operable ensuring that change of train is not required for moving from one RRTS corridor to another.

Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS corridor is first of the three prioritized corridors planned for implementation in Phase-1. The other two are Delhi-Gurugram-Alwar and Delhi-Panipat Corridors.

Pre-construction activities such as Geo-Technical investigations, Pile Load Tests, Road Widening and Detailed Engineering are already in advance stage and NCRTC, the implementing agency for the project is ready to begin construction of the corridor. Tenders for the civil construction have already been invited.

Total project cost is Rs 30,274 Crores.

NCRTC is mandated to design, construct, finance, operate and maintain RRTS in NCR and works under the administrative control of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India.

Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Corridor Map, Station List and reference images of RRTS train and NCRTC logo are annexed.

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