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To understand the land requirement and acquisition process, a Ministerial team of Uganda led by Uganda's Minister for Housing, Lands & Urban Development Mr. Engola Sam interacted with MD, HMR Mr.NVS Reddy today (Wednesday) at the Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad.

In a power point presentation, MD, HMR explained the challenges and intricacies of land acquisition for a mega urban infrastructure project in India in public private partnership (PPP) mode. He briefed the delegation on various aspects and innovative features of the Hyderabad Metro Rail, which is a unique infrastructure development project. He explained the bid process, technical specifications, financial model, communication strategies and the engineering solutions adopted in resolving several complex issues.

Dwelling on the legal complexities and challenges in acquiring land and properties for urban infrastructure projects in India, Mr.NVS Reddy emphasised on the need for patience, tact, persuasion, careful documentation, etc., as the key requirements for project leaders implementing mega projects. He has explained them as to how several sensitive and long pending cases were resolved and properties were acquired for the Metro Rail project. Elaborating the successful land pooling method used for acquisition of 824 acres of land from about 850 small farmers and using the land for development of plots, creation of Metro Rail depot & casting yards, building of STP etc., at Uppal, he enlightened the delegation as to how all stakeholders got benefitted in this process.

Mr.NVS Reddy informed the delegation that Hyderabad Metro Rail project is being executed not as a simple mass transportation system, but as an urban redesign project. He highlighted key features of the project like integration with other modes of transport, running of feeder bus services, creation of pedestrian facilities like sidewalks & street furniture and introduction of bicycle stations to reduce fossil fuel in order to transform Hyderabad into an eco-friendly global city. He further added that special security measures are being implemented for the safety of women & children and conveniences for the senior citizens & differently-abled.

Appreciating the tact and methods used for land acquisition, engineering innovation, pre-casting methods, financial model and socio-economic objectives of the project, the Ugandan delegation thanked Mr.NVS Reddy and sought his guidance for senior planners and engineers of Uganda. The delegation later visited Nagole Metro station, Uppal precast yard and other Metro work sites.

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MD, HMR Mr. NVS Reddy briefing a ministerial delegation of Uganda about Hyderabad Metro Rail project at Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) on Wednesday (May 13, 2015)



MD, HMR Mr. NVS Reddy with the Ugandan Minister for Housing, Lands & Urban Development Mr. Engola Sam and other members of the delegation from Uganda at Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) on Wednesday (May 13, 2015)



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