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Order placed for 34 train sets for Surat, Ahmedabad metro: Govt

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GUJARAT HAS placed an order for 34 state-of-the-art metro train sets, including 10 sets for Ahmedabad Metro Phase-II and 24 sets for Surat Metro, the government announced on Wednesday.

These trains are being manufactured at Titagarh's manufacturing facility in Kolkata.

While Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project Phase-1 and Phase-2 have been operationalised, under Ahmedabad Metro Phase-2, a 68.2-km metro rail network is already operational in the Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar corridor with 32 train sets currently in service.

The addition of 10 more train sets will increase the frequency of trains, reduce waiting time, and provide a better travel experience for passen-

gers, the government said.

"Currently, construction of the 40.3-km metro rail network in Surat is underway. An order has been placed for 24 train sets for Surat Metro, and upon completion, Surat will witness a significant expansion of sustainable urban transport. This development will ease connectivity, reduce congestion and prove beneficial for Surat's growing urban population," the government said in a statement.

Gujarat's metro rail network, currently at 108 km, is expected to expand to 190 km in the coming years. This includes a previously planned 6.04 km Ahmedabad airport line. Additionally, proposals to extend metro rail services to other major cities such as Rajkot and Vadodara are also under consideration, with the aim of ensuring that the benefits of modern, efficient and

environment-friendly transport reach more and more citizens across the state.

"The new metro systems in Gujarat will be equipped with state-of-the-art driverless technology, designed to ensure punctuality, safety and energy efficiency. These trains will feature real-time monitoring and automated braking systems, optimised speed profiles and intelligent fault diagnostics, guaranteeing reliable operations.

In addition, passenger-centric enhancements such as CCTV surveillance, fire detection systems, fail-safe door operations and obstacle detection mechanisms will provide a safe and smooth travel experience to passengers. These innovative features will establish Gujarat's metro trains as a model of modern, smart and sustainable urban transport," the statement added.