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NMRC to set up electric vehicles' charging stations on Aqua Line

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NOIDA: The Noida Metro Rail Corporation (NMRC) has issued a tender to hire a contractor for setting up electric vehicles' charging stations at Aqua Line Metro stations.

The NMRC said the aim of the move is to enable adoption of electric vehicles (EV), which are safe and environment-friendly. The move also aims to enable adoption of electric vehicles by the public at a faster rate by ensuring a safe, reliable and accessible electric vehicle charging eco-system.

An NMRC official said the contractor shall be responsible for installation, operation and maintenance of public charging stations.

"The NMRC will provide 75 square metres at each location for setting up an EV charging station. A tender has been issued in this regard," the official, not authorised to speak to the media, said.

The tender document states that the operator shall install EV chargers for four-wheelers and two-wheelers. The chargers would be installed at NMRC stations where parking space is available or at any feasible loca-



■ **EV chargers will be installed at NMRC stations where parking space is available or at feasible locations at other stations.** SUNIL GHOSH/HT

tion at other stations. The 29.7-km Aqua Line has 21 Metro stations connecting Noida to Greater Noida, of which 16 stations have parking facilities.

The 16 Metro Stations with parking facilities are: Sector 51, Sector 76, Sector 101, NSEZ, Sector 83, Sector 137, Sector 142, Sector 143, Sector 144, Sector 145, Sector 146, Sector 147, Sector 148, Pari Chowk, Alpha 1 and Delta 1.

The NMRC had recently issued a separate tender to hire

a contractor to manage these parking facilities and collect parking charges. Cumulatively, these parking lots have the capacity to accommodate about 3,000 cars. The Aqua Line Metro registers an average daily ridership of 23,000, officials said.

In December 2019, the NMRC had launched 30 e-cycles for environment-friendly last mile connectivity from metro stations to sectors. To avail this facility, users need to download the "Green Ride" app from Goo-

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gle PlayStore to get an e-cycle from the station. Users are charged Rs 5 for the first ten minutes and then Rs 1 for each minute. The user can drop the cycle at designated locations/stands located in various in sectors, and the fares will be deducted from their e-wallet.

In December 2018, the Central government had written to the UP government over setting up charting infrastructure of EVs. State port minister Ashok Kataria, who was recently in Noida, said that the state has planned to promote EVs in the state.

"We will share details soon once things are finalised," the minister had said.

NMRC executive director PD Upadhaya and managing director Ritu Maheshwari did not take calls.