

Dear IRSME fraternity members,

I have been receiving queries from many of my peers on the status of the RCF/RBL project. Unfortunately, the RCF/RBL website needs dedicated attention, which we now hope to be able to focus upon. In the interim, I am giving below the status in a capsule.

One year ago, on the 6th of April, 2010, MM defined the mandate for the project as:

- a) Work of Construction & Production in 3 phases
- b) First coach of Phase I production to be ready at RCF/RBL inside one year, i.e., in the first week of April, 2011.

This seemed almost impossible, as the grossly uneven land earmarked for the Project, was pitted with small craters and had a massive storm water drain flowing through the middle. There were no plans for men & material for production. In retrospect, however, it is evident that MM knew better – we have achieved what had been set out as our mission. The first coach stood ready in the Finishing Shop of RCF/RBL in the week gone by!



Work has also simultaneously progressed on the second and third shells, starting from bare shells moved by road owing to time lag in availability of bogies.



- The construction work consisted of
- Preparatory work – Rail connectivity, Power connectivity, Communication connectivity, Initial water supply, Boundary walls, and, Yard remodeling, Panel interlocking and Passenger Amenities like additional platform at Lalganj station. CRS clearance had yet to be obtained.
 - Phase I construction consisting of Finishing Shop, Furnishing Shop, Temporary housing, Temporary storage & office spaces, M&P and T&P for Phase I production, and essential road network. There were no designs, specifications or plans for any of these.
 - Phase II construction consisting of Shell Shop with requisite M&P and T&P, Stores, Ancillary Shops and essential portions of township.
 - Phase III construction consisting of balance portion of factory, township and Administrative building.

The Preparatory work has been completed, except for portion of Township boundary wall and finishing surfaces of diverted village road.



Illustrative photos of Phase I construction will tell their own story.

FINISHING & FURNISHING SHOPS



(**Conceptual** view of Finishing and Furnishing Shops)



(**Actual** view of Finishing and Furnishing Shops)

FINISHING SHOP, INCLUDING ENCLOSED STORAGE & OFFICE AREAS, has been completed.





FURNISHING SHOP structures are complete and flooring is under completion.



TEMPORARY HOUSING, with all facilities, has been commissioned.





Kitchen of Canteen in Temp. Housing



Common Room in Temp. Housing

ROAD & RAIL NETWORK for Phase I in factory has been completed.



Road Parallel To Furnishing & Finishing Shop



M&P and T&P for Phase I – Except for 3 items, all items have been commissioned and put to use.



Rail Cuts
Road Vehicle
At Sub-Station



Telescopic
Mobile Crane



Tractor
Shunter &
Fork Lifter



Tractor
Shunter

TRAIN LIGHTING & CARPENTRY SHOPS and FURNISHING STORES are under construction as part of Phase II.



The TOWNSHIP LAYOUT has been finalized and construction of Type II, Type III and Type V houses has made considerable progress.



HOUSING UNDER CONSTRUCTION



TOWNSHIP LAYOUT

That was a photo commentary on RCF/RBL. I am certain that with the continued good wishes of our peers, no targets shall be unachievable for us at RCF/RBL.

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