

Only 5% land pending for bullet train in state

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Work on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train is in full swing. More than 95% of land acquisition work has been completed in Maharashtra, including 100% in Mumbai Suburban district. Moreover, 90% of the work on the country's first multimodal hub at Sabarmati in Gujarat is done. If all goes to plan, by February 2023, the hub, where the bullet train will terminate, will be ready.

"This will be the first multimodal hub in the country and will connect passengers of the bullet train, the Indian Railways, the Ahmedabad Metro and the Bus Rapid Transit System," an official of the National High Speed Rail Corporation said.

Ground work on the Mumbai section of the bullet train will begin soon as necessary permissions, including environment and forest clearances, were received after the government in Maharashtra changed, the official added.

On Saturday, a media trip was organised by the corporation to show the current status of the multimodal hub. "About 6.7km of viaduct is completed, which includes 2km of continuous viaduct near Navsari and 4.7km erected at different locations," the official said. "Piles have been cast over a length of 183.3km, foundation over 104.3km and piers over a stretch of 93km in Gujarat."

About the work in Maharashtra, the official said, "After completion of tendering, ground work will begin."