

Genesis of UTHS Directorate



As per the Metro(amendment) Act 2009, for 'technical planning and safety' in Metro Railways, 'Central Government' has been defined as the Ministry of Govt. of India dealing with Railways. RDSO being the technical advisor to Railway Board, has been entrusted with the responsibility to assist Ministry of Railways in complying with the aforementioned stipulation.

Indian Railways' Vision 2020 document presented in the Parliament by Hon. Railway Minister aims at, besides several other major infrastructural upgradations and additions - raising the speeds of passenger trains to 160-200 kmph on some routes. It also envisages implementation of at least four high-speed rail projects to provide High Speed train service at 250-350 kmph.

Taking a cue from the abovementioned developments, acting proactively, to handle technical clearance and safety certification work of Metro Railways coming up in large no. at rapid pace, as also to handle hitherto not delved in subject of High Speed Train Operation, a new Directorate, viz., Urban Transport & High Speed, was set up in 2010 in RDSO.

For the sake of prompt disposal of the Metros' proposals it has been authorised to perform as a single-window, multi-disciplinary unit of RDSO.