



The Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation (MRVC) has issued a worldwide tender call for the purchase of 2,856 Vande Metro coaches for Mumbai's suburban network as part of the ambitious Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP).

A senior MRVC official announced on Wednesday (June 21) that proposals for the purchase of 2,856 coaches, or 238 trains with a 12-coach composition, have been invited under Phase 3 and 3A of the MUTP projects. It is noteworthy that the Phase-3 and 3A MUTP projects have respective budgets of Rs 10,947 crore and Rs 33,690 crore.

According to the document uploaded on MRVC's website, the successful bidders will be responsible for the procurement-cum-lifetime maintenance of Vande Metro rakes.

The successful bidders will have to set up new maintenance depots for Vande Metro and upgrade the existing maintenance facilities, the official said citing the tender document.

They will also be required to supply the air-conditioned Vande Metro rakes within seven years. The successful bidders will also have to assist in setting up new car sheds at Vangaon (Palghar district) and Bhivpuri (Raigad district) respectively, the official said.

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