

Noida Metro Cards Sale Dip, Poor Connectivity, High Fare Likely Causes

At present, commuters have to exit at Sector 51 station of Noida Metro and walk nearly 300 metres on an under-construction road to take the Blue Line at Sector 52 station.

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The sale of Noida Metro cards has dipped considerably in a little over four months of its operation with commuters blaming lack of seamless connectivity and high fare as main reasons behind it.

A total of 2,041 such travellers cards were issued during May 1 and 20, as against 3,686 in April and 5,064 in March this year, according to Noida Metro data.

As many as 5,220 cards were issued in February and a whopping 3,363 within six days of its operation - January 26 to 31, it said.

Noida Metro Rail Corporation (NMRC) works in collaboration with the State Bank of India to issue 'SBI NMRC City 1' card. Noida Metro charges a fee of 1.8 per cent or Rs. 12 (whichever is less rounded off to the nearest rupee).

"The fee of 1.8 per cent for top-up is steep and uncalled for. Delhi Metro issues a non-bank card for commuters to travel and they do not charge any fee on the top-up," said Ajay Chaturvedi, a senior citizen.

He said the fare of Noida Metro is also high.

A commuter has to pay a minimum of Rs. 10 to Rs. 50 to travel on weekdays; while one has to spend anywhere between Rs. 10 and Rs. 40 on Sundays and national holidays.