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Tata Motors satisfied at progress of Singur land acquisition

Kolkata, Nov 25: Tata Motors expressed satisfaction over the progress of land acquisition for its proposed small car plant at Singur and plan to launch the vehicle in 2008 as scheduled.

"We understand that the (West Bengal) government is acquiring the land fairly quickly. There has been satisfactory progress in this area", managing director Ravi Kant told newsmen in the sidelines of a seminar at the Bengal Engineering and Science University's centenary celebrations at Singur near here.

Construction work for the project would begin as soon as the government handed over the required land, he said.

The small car was being developed as per schedule at the Tata Motors facility in Pune, he said adding that several prototypes had been tested and orders for components placed with vendors.

The number of vendors, however, were being kept small in order to keep a control on them, he said.

Asked whether the company was planning a single assembly line at its Singur factory, Kant said it would depend on the market that the small car can create. "This is a car meant primarily for India and we are expecting this to change the paradigm of the car industry".

Possibility of manufacturing other models at the Singur factory would depend on the success of the small car, he said.

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