

PM Gati Shakti national master plan will help prevent cost overruns and save taxpayers' money: Piyush Goyal

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Goyal also talked about the National Single Window System, a portal for investors to obtain regulatory approvals from the Centre and states.

The Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti National Master Plan will help develop the future infrastructure in a planned manner, prevent cost overrun, and increase India's cost competitiveness, besides saving taxpayers' money, Union minister Piyush Goyal said on Saturday. He said 1,000 geospatial maps have been formed for forests, wildlife sanctuaries, highways and railway infrastructure, power plants and industrial zones in India. "Maps of states are also being integrated with them. By the last count, around 450 infrastructure data has been mapped," the Commerce and Industry Minister said.

Gujarat-based Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N), which works to implement map-based Geospatial Information Systems (GIS), has developed the PM Gati Shakti Master Plan, Goyal said. "These maps are all interconnected, because of which the future infrastructure will be developed in a planned manner," he said at an investors' round-table conference organised by the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) and the Dholera Industrial City Development (DICDL). He said the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan will help in planning the construction of an overbridge, diverting routes if a forest or wildlife sanctuary comes in the way, and figuring out how to construct a bridge with the smallest length for a river, etc.