

PM GatiShakti: 208 infra projects worth Rs 15.39 lakh crore recommended for approval

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Synopsis

208 infrastructure projects worth Rs 15.39 lakh crore have been recommended under PM GatiShakti, enhancing coordination across ministries such as roads and railways. The initiative aims to streamline logistics costs through integrated planning, with substantial use of geospatial data and inter-ministerial collaboration.



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As many as 208 big-ticket [infrastructure projects](#) of different ministries, including roads and railways, worth Rs 15.39 lakh crore have been recommended for approval under the [PM GatiShakti](#) initiative so far, a top government official said on Saturday. These projects have been recommended by the [Network Planning Group](#) (NPG) constituted under the PM [GatiShakti](#) initiative launched on October 13, 2021.

"So far, 208 projects have been assessed under the initiative worth Rs 15.39 lakh crore," Secretary, [Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade](#)

(DPIIT), Amardeep Singh Bhatia told reporters.

There are several benefits of using the system, including significant cuts in time and cost for planning these infrastructure projects, he added.

The maximum number of projects recommended by the group are related to roads (101), railways (73), urban development (12), and four from the oil and gas ministry.

The inter-ministerial NPG meets every fortnight and appraises infra projects to ensure multi-modality, synchronisation of efforts, and comprehensive development in and around the project location.



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The initiative was launched to develop an integrated infrastructure to reduce [logistics costs](#). All logistics and connectivity infrastructure projects, entailing investments of over Rs 500 crore are routed through the NPG.

The NPG's approval is required before the clearance of the project by the [Public Investment Board](#) (PIB) or Department of Expenditure under the finance ministry.

The NMP (National Master Plan) has over 1,600 layers of geospatial data, showing all physical and social infrastructure of an area and land records in one place. It has been designed for faster planning and better design so that the impact of an investment is maximised.

The NPG has representations from various connectivity infrastructure ministries/ departments, involving their heads of network planning division for unified planning and integration of the proposals.

All these departments approach the NPG first for approval before making a [DPR](#) (Detailed Project Report) at the planning stage. After the NPG's clearance, the project follows the normal procedure of approval by the finance ministry and the Cabinet.

Over 1,600 layers of data, including those related to land, ports, forests, and highways, are available on the portal.

Usage of the portal by different ministries, including social sector departments and states, is increasing, and it is helping in the proper planning of projects.

Also, as many as 156 critical infrastructure gaps to ports and for movement of bulk commodities like coal, cement, fertilisers and foodgrains, have been identified for intervention under the PM Gati Shakti initiative.

The department is working with states for integration of updated land record data, the official added.

Besides, he said that Nepal and Sri Lanka have shown keen interest in this initiative.

"We can roll it for them also. With Sri Lanka, we are working out the things," he said.

He said that the department is working to roll out the initiative at the district level, and in the next 1-2 months, "we should be able to roll it out".

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