

Adopt an approach that advances goals of ease of living, ease of doing business: PM

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During Pragati meeting, TOI learnt, Cabinet Secretary T V Somananthan presented a progress report on steps taken by Centre and states to expedite projects delayed by decades, including the 83-km Nangal Dam-Talwara-Mukerian new railway line in Punjab and North Koel Reservoir project in Bihar and Jharkhand.



PM **Narendra Modi** had reviewed these projects in the last Pragati meeting of June and had instructed officials to put them on the agenda of Wednesday's meeting. Each of these has seen delays

When there's challenge to food security, India fulfils its responsibility, says Modi

Highlighting India's history of initiatives whenever there have been global challenges to food security, PM Modi on Thursday said govt has increased its efforts to boost India's capacity and contribution to deal with such crises. Speaking at World Food India Summit where over 21 countries are participating, Modi said India has made strong progress in increasing production of foodgrain, milk, fisheries, fruits and vegetables because of the hard work of farmers, livestock rearers, and fishermen. "That's why whenever there is a global agricultural crisis or supply chain disruption, India stands firm and fulfils its responsibility. India is committed to expanding its capacity and contribution in the global interest and govt is strengthening food and nutrition ecosystem by engaging every stakeholder," he said. TNN

stretching back decades.

"The PM urged officials to work out strategies for better coordination to resolve issues so that there is no delay in project execution," said an official. "There has been a trend

that all officials and agencies concerned expedite all approvals and clearances when any project is included for review at a Pragati meeting. The PM wanted this to be a natural process," said the official.

A statement from PMO said Modi urged officials at both central and state levels to adopt a result-oriented approach, translating opportunities into improved quality of life for people, while also advancing goals of ease of living for citizens and ease of doing business for enterprises.

"The PM reiterated that delays in execution impose a double cost — often escalating project expenditure and also depriving citizens of timely access to essential services and infrastructure," the PMO said. It added that Modi emphasised that states and UTs should also set up a mechanism at their level for regular review and monitoring of flagship projects to resolve bottlenecks and finish projects on time.