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Maharashtra Cabinet Clears PPP Policy Concessions To Accelerate MSRTC Land Redevelopment Across 213 Sites

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The Maharashtra state cabinet has approved a series of concessions under the state's Public-Private Partnership (PPP) policy to expedite the redevelopment of surplus land owned by the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC).

The decision is expected to accelerate commercial development projects while creating a sustainable source of non-fare revenue for the state-run transport undertaking.

Chaired by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, the Cabinet cleared exemptions from certain provisions of the Maharashtra Public-Private Partnership Policy to prevent procedural delays that could slow the execution of redevelopment projects.

The goal is to ensure that commercially viable MSRTC land parcels are brought into productive use without disrupting project timelines.

MSRTC owns nearly 3,500 acres of land spread across around 850 locations in Maharashtra, much of it situated in prime urban areas. While some of these properties currently accommodate bus stations with supporting commercial activities, others remain residential or underutilised.

The government intends to unlock the value of these assets by permitting integrated developments that combine commercial, residential, industrial and other approved land uses, depending on the site's potential.

Earlier government resolutions had already authorised the commercial development of MSRTC land through a 49-year lease model, with an option for a further 49-year extension.

The latest Cabinet decision is expected to provide greater flexibility in implementing these projects under the PPP framework while ensuring that ownership of the land remains with the corporation.

To advance the redevelopment programme, MSRTC has already appointed project management, architectural, legal and feasibility consultants.

The corporation has submitted proposals covering 213 sites across the state, all of which will undergo scrutiny by the Cabinet Infrastructure Committee and the empowered committee before receiving final approval from the state government.

The Cabinet also authorised the MSRTC Board of Directors to proceed with subsequent stages of project execution, including tendering, concession agreements, asset transfer and implementation, in accordance with recommendations issued by the high-level committee headed by the state's Transport Minister.

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Union Government Approves Rs 14,447.64 Crore Ganga Elevated Corridor To Connect NH-19 With Varanasi Ring Road

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Ganga Elevated Corridor (Pic Credit: PIB)

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has cleared a 46.039-km Ganga Elevated Corridor in Varanasi for Rs 14,447.64 crore, creating a high-speed link between NH-19 and the Varanasi Ring Road.

The project involves the development of a 46.039 km link corridor connecting National Highway-19 (NH-19) with the Varanasi Ring Road (NH-135B), while also providing direct riverbank connectivity along the Ganga.

The project will be implemented under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) at a total capital cost of Rs 14,447.64 crore.

This includes a civil construction cost of Rs 6,037.85 crore, excluding GST but including utility shifting, and Rs 541.11 crore towards land acquisition under the National Highways (Original) programme.

The proposed corridor will comprise a six-lane elevated carriageway, supported by an extensive network of loops, ramps, link roads and service roads.

Among its standout engineering features are a 910-metre cable-stayed bridge across the River Ganga, a 1.32 km extradosed Foot Over Bridge-cum-Major Bridge equipped with

travelators for pedestrian movement to the Kashi Vishwanath Temple, and a Rail Over Bridge spanning the existing and proposed Malviya Bridge.

The project will also include emergency parking bays, noise barriers, façade lighting and architectural elements inspired by Varanasi's cultural heritage.

Designed for operating speeds of 80-100 kmph, the average travel time across the project's influence area is projected to decline from around 60 minutes to 20 minutes, representing a reduction of nearly 67 per cent.

The journey between NH-19 and Kashi Railway Station is expected to be reduced from approximately 50 minutes to 25 minutes.

It is expected to ease pressure on NH-19, the BHU-Ramnagar corridor, NH-35 and major intersections such as Lanka Junction, where an elevated spur connecting BHU/Lanka with Samne Ghat will separate long-distance traffic from local vehicle movement.

The project has been developed in line with the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.

It will improve access to major transport hubs, including Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Kashi Railway Station, Banaras Railway Station, Varanasi City Railway Station, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Junction and the Ramnagar Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) Port.

The corridor will also connect the Chandauli Special Economic Zone (SEZ) and the aspirational district of Chandauli.

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Two Railway Multi-Tracking Projects Worth Rs 3,907 Crore Approved For Odisha And Jharkhand Under PM Gati Shakti Plan

Business Standard,
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The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday (15 July) approved two railway projects in Odisha and Jharkhand at a combined cost of approximately Rs 3,907 crore, the Ministry of Railways said in a statement.

The two projects -- doubling of the Paradeep–Haridaspur line and construction of a fourth line on the Rajkharsawan–Dangoaposi section -- will add around 145 kilometres to the existing Indian Railways network, spanning four districts across the two states.

According to the ministry, the proposed projects are essential routes for transportation of commodities such as coal, iron ore, dolomite, limestone, gypsum, etc.

The capacity augmentation works will result in additional freight traffic of magnitude 44 MTPA (Million Tonnes Per Annum), the ministry said.

The ministry said the projects would also reduce oil imports by six crore litres annually and cut CO_2 emissions by 29 crore kilograms, equivalent to planting one crore trees.

The projects are planned on PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan with focus on enhancing multi-modal connectivity and logistic efficiency through integrated planning and stakeholder consultations.

These projects will provide seamless connectivity for movement of people, goods, and services.

Approximately 1,526 villages with a combined population of around 14 lakh people are expected to benefit from improved rail connectivity.

The ministry also noted that the new lines would improve access to tourist destinations including the Lalitgiri Buddhist Complex, Shree Baladevjew Temple, and the Meghahatuburu Hills.

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Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway, Ludhiana Bypass Among Key Road Projects PM Modi Will Launch In Punjab On 17 July

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for a series of National Highway projects worth more than Rs 12,470 crore in Haryana on Thursday (17 July).

The flagship project is the inauguration of Packages 1 to 5 of the 157.92-km four-lane, fully access-controlled Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway, developed at a cost of around Rs 9,680 crore.

The Greenfield corridor forms part of the larger 667 km Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway and is expected to dramatically reduce travel time between Delhi and Katra from nearly 14 hours to around six hours, while cutting the Delhi-Amritsar journey from approximately eight hours to four hours.

The corridor is also expected to ease traffic pressure on NH-44 (GT Road), improve access to the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine and support industrial and logistics development along the route.

The Prime Minister will also dedicate the 33.81-km Ambala-Kala Amb Highway on NH-7 and NH-344, which will strengthen road connectivity between Haryana and Himachal Pradesh, improve access to the Kala Amb industrial belt and facilitate smoother movement of tourists travelling to hill destinations.

Another major project to be inaugurated is the 40.60-km Jind-Gohana Greenfield Highway on NH-352A. The highway is expected to reduce travel time between Jind and Gohana from around two hours to just 40 minutes, while improving connectivity to Rohtak, Panipat and the Delhi-NCR region.

In addition, the Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone for the 24.27-km Hansi-Barwala Brownfield Highway Project, which will upgrade the existing route into a two/four-lane corridor with paved shoulders, enhancing road capacity and safety.

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DMRC Explores Double-Decker Flyover-Cum-Metro Design For 16.5 Km Keshav Puram-Rohini Corridor

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The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation has commissioned a feasibility study to develop an integrated double-decker flyover-cum-metro corridor along the proposed 16.5 km Keshav Puram-Rohini Sector 34 route under Phase 5B of the Delhi Metro network.

The consultancy, estimated to cost around Rs 2.08 crore, will examine the feasibility of constructing metro infrastructure on the upper deck and an elevated road or flyover on the lower deck.

The study, scheduled to be completed in six months, will assess alignment options, traffic and transport demand, structural and construction feasibility, utility constraints and commercial viability of the integrated corridor.

The DMRC also plans to evaluate the need for loops, ramp-in and ramp-out facilities, cloverleafs, directional ramps and other road infrastructure at major intersections.

The Keshav Puram-Rohini Sector 34 corridor forms part of Phase 5B, which the Delhi government approved on 2nd May 2026. The fully elevated corridor will connect Pitampura, Rohini and Delhi Technological University as part of a broader 97.

16 km expansion featuring seven new corridors and 65 stations. The entire corridor is estimated to cost Rs 4,869.56 crore.

Double-decker viaducts represent a strategic shift for Delhi's urban infrastructure, allowing metro rail on the top deck and road vehicles on the lower deck.

The DMRC has already completed its first such structure on the Maujpur-Majlis Park corridor under Phase 4, with the elevated section between Bhajanpura and Yamuna Vihar now ready for metro train operations.

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