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Centre Reviews Issues Affecting 11 Major Infrastructure Projects Across Five States
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The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has reviewed 18 issues affecting 11 major infrastructure projects located across Jharkhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Assam, and Nagaland, according to an official statement released on Thursday (25 June), Business Standard reported.

The review meeting, chaired by DPIIT Secretary Amardeep Bhatia, was attended by senior officials from central ministries, respective state governments, and project proponents.

Among the key projects discussed was the Patratu Thermal Power Station Expansion Project Phase-I in Jharkhand.

The total value of all 11 projects under review exceeds Rs 34,213 crore, emphasising their strategic importance in the region's infrastructure development.

The meeting also addressed challenges related to a private sector project by GeoEnpro Petroleum Ltd in Arunachal Pradesh, worth Rs 1,000 crore.

The DPIIT Secretary urged the government to treat the matter with high priority and provide all necessary support to facilitate a timely resolution.

The session was part of DPIIT's ongoing efforts to expedite infrastructure development by identifying and resolving project-specific hurdles in coordination with stakeholders at both the central and state levels.

Earlier, a total of 19 issues across 17 critical infrastructure projects, with a combined value of over Rs 14,096 crore, were reviewed to address bottlenecks and improve implementation through better coordination between ministries and states.

Among the key projects discussed was the Rs 3,164.72 crore four-laning of the Jaunpur-Akbarpur road, divided into two work packages.

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Hyderabad's Major Infra Push Advances: Telangana–MoD Agreement Paves Way For Two Elevated Corridors

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To ease Hyderabad's traffic woes, Telangana government has advanced plans to construct two skyway corridors, according to a Times of India report.

In this regard, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the Ministry of Defence and the state government on Saturday (28 June).

“The Paradise–Shamirpet corridor will need 114 acres of defence land and 78 acres of private land. The Paradise–Dairy Farm Road corridor requires 42 acres of defence land and 13 acres of private land, and the Shamirpet corridor passes through more defence-owned land than the Medchal route,” officials were quoted as saying by ToI.

As part of the MoU, the MoD will hand over 65.038 acres of land to the state government, which in turn will provide 435 acres to the defence authorities.

The MoU listed the modalities, timelines and methodology of transfer of defence land, The New Indian Express reported.

The Ministry of Defence had granted permission for construction of the elevated corridors on 1 March 2024.

The MoU for the transfer of A1 defence land required for construction of the two proposed elevated corridors in the Secunderabad area was signed by the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development

Authority on behalf of the state government, and the Headquarters, Telangana and Andhra Sub Area, on behalf of the Indian Army.

Adding complexity to the projects are two proposed underground tunnels, one near Begumpet airport and another at Hakimpet airport.

The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) is conducting feasibility studies for these tunnels, which will collectively require 26 acres of land, including one acre at Begumpet and 25 acres at Hakimpet.

Some existing defence structures will be affected due to the land acquisition.

To mitigate this, HMDA has begun constructing four underground water sumps in defence and cantonment areas and has finalised tenders for building compound walls.

Meanwhile, private land acquisition has progressed, with government notifications already issued and negotiations ongoing.

A survey conducted jointly by HMDA and the forest department revealed significant ecological implications, identifying that more than 10,000 trees will be impacted by the projects.

Of these, 3,200 trees are set to be cut down, while the remainder will be translocated, officials confirmed.

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Goa's Zuari Bridge Set To Get Twin 125 Metre Towers By 2028

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The upcoming tourist attraction in Goa, two towers atop the new Zuari bridge, is expected to be completed by 2028, Times of India reported.

Being built by Dilip Buildcon, the twin-tower project, valued at Rs 270 crore, had its foundation stone laid last month.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has given a five-year completion deadline for the project.

Dilip Buildcon's vice-president (constructions), Atul Joshi, said the final design includes two 125m-high towers, each with three floors and four high-speed elevators.

Joshi said the company has started mobilising machinery for the tower construction, while the environmental impact assessment is currently underway.

He added that construction is expected to begin after the 2025 monsoon. Although the deadline is five years, the company is aiming for a 2028 completion.

"Though we have five years to complete the project, we are targeting 2028 for its completion," Joshi was quoted as saying by ToI.

As per the design, he noted, the towers will have three storeys, with the middle one being semi-open.

The exact nature of activities on each floor will be determined later.

“There are a number of possibilities like a restaurant, viewing deck and observatory. But the plans will keep evolving over three years on how best to utilise the space. The capacity will depend on the type of activity offered, but on average, each tower will be able to have 500 visitors at a time,” he added.

The project is being developed under the DBFOT (Design, Build, Finance, Operate, Transfer) model.

Dilip Buildcon will fund and operate the towers for 50 years, recovering costs through entry fees.

Designed as a tourist attraction, the project also includes 7.5m-wide pedestrian walkways on both marine sides and parking at either end.

Tourists will access the towers via dedicated walkways from the parking areas.

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Nitish Kumar Opens Rs 49.88 Bn Kacchi Dargah Ganga Bridge

CW Team,
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The long-awaited 19.76 km Kacchi Dargah–Bidupur bridge was inaugurated by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on 23 June, delivering India’s longest extra-dosed cable-stayed crossing and a game-changing artery for Bihar’s transport network. Built by the Bihar State Road Development Corporation, the six-lane structure carries the Patna–Bakhtiyarpur four-lane (NH-30) across the Ganga to NH-103 near Samastipur, opening an all-weather route between Patna and Raghapur Diara and easing pressure on the the ageing Mahatma Gandhi Setu.

Costing about Rs 49.88 billion, the project relies on Asian Development Bank finance and features 150-metre spans supported by 15.2 mm imported cable from South Korea. Kumar, who monitored progress from the outset, said year-round access will unlock rapid growth in agriculture, industry and commerce across Vaishali and Samastipur districts. The bridge forms part of a wider plan to knit Kashmiri to Kanyakumari with high-grade highways, underlining the State’s pledge to “make movement easier by continuously constructing quality roads and bridges”.

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Centre Clears Rs 106 Bn J&K Road, Tunnel Push

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The Union Government has approved nineteen road and tunnel schemes worth about Rs 106.4 billion for Jammu and Kashmir, promising faster journeys and reliable, year-round access to

several frontier districts along the Line of Control. Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari gave the green light to the package, which covers 296 kilometres of new or upgraded corridors.

Headline project is the Rs 38.3 billion Peer-Ki-Gali tunnel, an alternative all-weather route between the Kashmir Valley and the rest of India. The Rs 33.3 billion Sadhana tunnel will secure round-the-year travel to Karnah near the LoC. Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha said the projects will boost troop mobility, stimulate tourism and spur economic growth.

Other sanctioned works include the Zaznar-Shopian section (Rs 8.5 billion), a four-lane fly-over from Lal Chowk to Parimpora (Rs 7.0 billion), the Trehgam-Chamkote link (Rs 9.7 billion), a four-lane Magam fly-over on the Narbal-Gulmarg road (Rs 4.5 billion), the Qazigund bypass (Rs 950 million) and a two-lane bridge over the Rambiar at Shopian (Rs 710 million).

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah hailed the announcement as “a major achievement” for his administration, crediting the Centre for backing strategic schemes such as the Mughal Road and Tangdhar tunnels. The Awami Ittehad Party also welcomed the long-awaited Sadhana tunnel, noting that the initiative followed MP Engineer Rashid’s winter appeal to Mr Gadkari.

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