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Half Of Land Required For Pune's Purandar Airport Project Covered As Over 1,100 Farmers Submit Consent Documents

Swarajya,
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The Purandar International Airport project in Pune has taken an important step forward, with consent documents received from over 1,100 farmers for acquisition of the required land, The Indian Express reported.

Officials said that within just six days of the process opening, more than 1,100 farmers have submitted documents, covering close to 50 per cent of the 2,800 acres needed.

Pune District Collector Jitendra Dudi announced that landowners may submit their consent either at the collector's office or at the Purandar sub-divisional office.

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As part of the compensation package, those who part with land willingly will not only receive monetary payment but would be given 10 per cent of the land acquired within Aerocity as developed land parcels.

This provision has been designed to speed up the acquisition process.

According to the officials, land parcels over 1,300 gats are to be acquired for the airport's construction. Gat refers to land parcels that have multiple ownership. The 7/12 land records would provide the exact number of land owners whose consent has been obtained.

Over the past year, the administration has held special drives to ensure ownership documents are current, while also deploying dedicated teams to address farmers' concerns and reduce resistance.

Authorities said that while land is being acquired from seven villages, much of it lies in Pargaon, where opposition to the project had been strongest.

Despite protests, officials are optimistic that with half the land already secured, the remainder will follow more smoothly.

Demand for a new international airport in Pune has been longstanding, with the existing Lohegaon facility running at capacity and constrained by Air Force restrictions.

The Purandar site was approved in 2016 under then Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, but the project stalled before regaining momentum after his return to office.

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Stalled Delhi Infra Projects Await Final Govt Clearances

CW Team,
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Several vital infrastructure projects across Delhi—including those in public transport, healthcare, and urban mobility—remain stalled despite reaching 70 to 90 per cent completion, owing to delayed administrative approvals and inter-departmental clearances. Officials have cited bottlenecks in budget sanctions, environmental permissions, and agency coordination as key reasons behind the hold-up, even as significant investments and construction milestones have already been achieved.

Projects currently affected include the DTC bus depot at Sawda Ghevra, flyovers at Nand Nagri and Gagan Cinema junction, the final underpass of the Pragati Maidan transit corridor, Barapullah Phase III elevated roadway, and a network of 11 greenfield hospitals across the capital. The Sawda Ghevra bus depot, aimed at expanding city-wide transit infrastructure, is 85 per cent complete, but its commissioning—initially expected in December 2023—has been pushed back due to pending approvals from the transport department.

The Nand Nagri and Gagan Cinema flyover project, which is seen as critical to alleviating traffic congestion in northeast Delhi, is at 90 per cent construction progress. However, it awaits final permissions for tree cutting and transplantation before it can be inaugurated.

Likewise, the underpass forming part of the Pragati Maidan transit corridor, stuck at 98 per cent completion, has faced prolonged delays since 2022 because of unresolved technical issues with Northern Railways. Officials have said that work is now expected to resume following the finalisation of a detailed plan for soil stabilisation and grouting to mitigate disruption to train services.

Healthcare infrastructure, too, has been significantly affected. Hospitals under construction in areas such as Jwalapuri, Madipur, and Siraspur have achieved between 78 and 90 per cent completion but remain awaiting budgetary approvals for finalisation. Other ICU-focused hospitals in Shalimar Bagh, Sultanpuri, and Sarita Vihar are between 58 and 63 per cent complete, while the Kirari facility has yet to break ground. Escalating costs and the requirement for renewed financial approvals have added further delays.

One of the most prominent stalled projects is the Barapullah Phase III elevated corridor, a key urban mobility link between Sarai Kale Khan and Mayur Vihar. Originally budgeted at Rs 9.64 billion, the project's cost has ballooned to Rs 13.3 billion following years of delays. Only 690 metres of construction remain pending, with officials awaiting tree-felling clearance from the Central Empowered Committee to proceed.

Despite these obstacles, authorities emphasised that all these projects are critical to improving Delhi's long-term sustainability, healthcare delivery, and transport capacity. Fast-tracking administrative clearances, they say, could unlock immense social and economic value while bringing long-overdue infrastructure to underserved neighbourhoods.

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DPIIT reviews issues affecting five infrastructure projects in three states

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Synopsis

The DPIIT addressed hurdles impacting infrastructure projects in Karnataka, Kerala, and Telangana, involving a total cost of Rs 10,594 crore. Discussions focused on resolving forest and wildlife clearance delays in Telangana, particularly for Reliance Jio's 5G/4G network expansion. The initiative aims to improve connectivity in remote areas while strengthening existing 4G infrastructure across the nation.

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has reviewed issues affecting five infrastructure projects in Karnataka, Kerala and Telangana, an official statement said on Monday.

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

"In Karnataka, 5 issues across five significant projects with a total project cost of Rs 3,658 crore were reviewed. In Kerala, 2 issues across two projects amounting to Rs 5,002 crore were examined, while in Telangana, six issues across three projects with a cumulative cost of Rs 1,934 crore were discussed," the commerce and industry ministry said.

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NHAI launches India's first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system in Gujarat
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Synopsis

As per the statement issued by the ministry of road transport and highways (MoRTH) on Saturday, the Indian Highways Management Company (IHMCL), under NHAI, has entered into an agreement with ICICI Bank, to implement MLFF tolling system at Choryasi Fee Plaza in Gujarat on NH-48. This will be followed by implementation of MLFF at Gharaunda Fee Plaza in Haryana on NH-44 as the government plans 25 such barrier-free toll collection across the country in the current financial year.

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has launched India's first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system in Gujarat while another one will soon come up in Haryana, a move aimed at providing a seamless and barrier-free tolling experience to national highway users.

The Indian Highways Management Company (IHMCL), under NHAI, entered into an agreement with ICICI Bank, to implement MLFF tolling system at Choryasi Fee Plaza in Gujarat on NH-48, the ministry of road transport and highways said in a statement on Saturday.

In addition, an agreement was also signed with ICICI Bank for the implementation of MLFF at Gharaunda Fee Plaza in Haryana on NH-44, it added.

This is part of the mega plan under which NHAI plans to roll out MLFF-based tolling at around 25 National Highway fee plazas during the current financial year. "The process of identifying such fee plazas for implementation is presently underway," it said.

According to the statement, the signing of the contract agreement marks a major step towards barrier-free tolling, enabling seamless electronic toll collection through FASTag.

Multi Lane Free Flow Tolling is a barrier-less tolling system that enables transactions through reading of FASTag and vehicle registration number (VRN) by high performance RFID readers and ANPR cameras.

It enables seamless toll collection without stopping vehicles at fee plazas thus reducing congestion and travel time which in turn leads to enhanced fuel efficiency and lowering of emissions.

Implementation of MLFF will also contribute towards improving toll revenue collection and creating a smarter, faster and more efficient National Highway network across the country, the ministry added.

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