

## 55th Network Planning Group Meeting under PM GatiShakti recommends six infrastructure projects, three Railways projects and three Roadways projects assessed, a total of 106 projects assessed till date

The 55th Network Planning Group (NPG) met at New Delhi under the chairpersonship of the honorable Special Secretary, Logistics, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Smt. Sumita Dawra. The meeting was attended by representatives from departments and ministries ranging from the Ministry of Railways to the NITI Aayog. The Special Secretary emphasized the adoption of a 'whole-of-government' approach to project planning and implementation and benefits of the PM GatiShakti plan.

Six projects, three from the Ministry of Railways (MoR) and three from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), with a total project cost of Rs. 14,081 crore, were appraised during the meet. Since the commencement of the PM GatiShakti methodology, NPG has appraised 106 projects with a total value of about Rs 11 lakh Crore. The NPG examined three railway line projects totaling Rs. 5374.5 Crore covering the states of West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand Odisha, and Gujarat. Apart from benefiting passenger transportation, these railway lines are projected to aid the Steel, Cement, and Power sectors by facilitating the movement of Coal, Limestone, Iron Ore, and completed goods such as Iron & Steel, Cement, and so on. These railway projects are also intended to lower overall logistics costs by decreasing traffic congestion on existing railway lines and offering shorter routes. Alongside, the NPG also examined three additional road projects totaling Rs.8706 crore.

The Special Secretary emphasized that in accordance with the guiding principles of the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, these projects will provide multispectral connectedness for socioeconomic growth, allowing area development, and decongesting the existing city and rail infrastructure.

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