

Recent Cabinet Approvals-December 2023

1. Cabinet approves the Migration and Mobility Agreement between India and Italy

The Agreement would enhance people-to-people contacts, foster mobility of students, skilled workers, business people and young professionals and strengthen cooperation on issues related to irregular migration between the two sides. The Agreement locks-in the current Italian visa regime including mechanisms for post study opportunities, internships, professional trainings assuring an advantage for India under the existing labour mobility pathways under the Flows Decree.

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2. Cabinet approves opening of Consulate General of India in Auckland, New Zealand

The opening of Consulate General of India in Auckland would help in increasing India's diplomatic footprint and strengthen India's diplomatic representation in view of India's increasing global engagement. This will also help promote India's strategic and commercial interests and better serve the welfare of Indian community in Auckland.

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3. Cabinet approves India and Malaysia sign an MoU for Cooperation in Broadcasting between Prasar Bharati and Radio Televisyen Malaysia (RTM), Malaysia

Prasar Bharati plays a very important role in nation building and lays continuous focus on providing meaningful and accurate content to one and all, both within the country and abroad. The MoU/Agreement has an immense potential to strengthen the cooperation in the field of broadcasting, exchange of news, and audio-visual programmes as well as significantly augment India's friendly relations with the country. With this, the total number of MoUs signed by Prasar Bharati with different countries has increased to 46.

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4. Cabinet approves Minimum Support Price for Copra for 2024 season

In the current season 2023, the Government has procured a record amount of more than 1.33 lakh metric tonnes of copra, at the cost of Rs.1,493 crores, benefiting around 90,000 farmers. The procurement in the current season

2023 indicates a rise of 227 percent over the previous season (2022). The MSP for 2024 season is an increase of Rs.300/- per quintal for milling copra and Rs.250/- per quintal for ball copra over the previous season. In the last 10 years, the Government has increased MSP for milling copra and ball copra from Rs.5,250 per quintal and Rs.5,500 per quintal in 2014-15 to Rs.11,160 per quintal and Rs.12,000 per quintal in 2024-25, registering a growth of 113 percent and 118 percent, respectively.

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5. Cabinet approves improvement and widening of 135 km stretch of Khowai-Harina road in Tripura

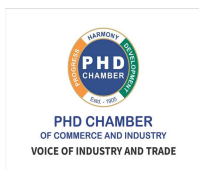
The project involves investment of Rs.2,486.78 crore which includes a loan component of Rs.1,511.70 crore (JPY 23,129 Million). The loan assistance will be from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) under Official Development Assistance (ODA) scheme. The selected stretch is providing improved connectivity to agricultural belts, tourist places, religious places and tribal districts of the state, which are backward in terms of growth and income. After completion of the project, the connectivity will be improved which will help to generate more revenue to the State as well as income for the local public.

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6. Cabinet approves construction of New 4.56 km long, 6-Lane Bridge across River Ganga connecting Digha and Sonapur in Bihar

The Bridge will connect two Districts namely Patna at Digha on South side and Saran on North Side across River Ganga, Bihar. This project is aimed at providing faster commute and to provide better connectivity between North and South Parts of Bihar. Thus, promoting the socio-economic growth of the entire region. Various activities performed during the construction and maintenance period of the project are expected to generate direct employment for skilled and unskilled workers.

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