

States, UTs move in sync with PM Gati Shakti master plan

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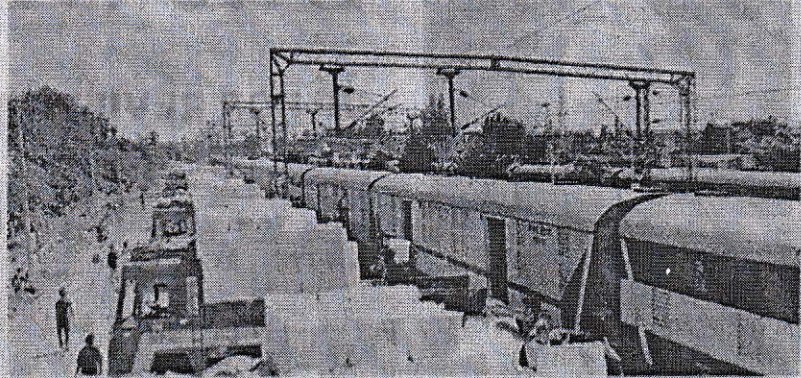
All 36 States and UTs have set up Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS) for implementing the Centre's ambitious PM Gati Shakti master plan and over 1,380 projects are being monitored by the project monitoring group, according to an internal assessment note of the Commerce and Industry Ministry.

Moreover, 13 States, including Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram and Telangana, have notified and uploaded the State logistics policy on the DPIIT website.

The State EGoS, headed by the Chief Secretary, is an important body as it prepares and operationalises the State Master Plan in line with the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP). The EGoS at the national level is also operational and three meetings have already been held.

INTEGRATED PLANNING

The PM Gati Shakti is a digital platform launched last



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year to bring 16 Ministries including Railways and Roadways together for integrated planning and coordinated implementation of infrastructure connectivity projects.

It will incorporate infrastructure schemes such as the Bharatmala, Sagarmala, inland waterways, dry/land ports and UDAN. Economic Zones like textile clusters, pharmaceutical clusters, defence corridors, electronic parks, industrial corridors, fishing clusters, agri zones will be covered to improve connectivity and make Indian businesses more competitive.

As PM Gati Shakti will include all the initiatives of the various Ministries and Departments in a centralised

portal, every department will have visibility of each other's activities providing critical data while planning and execution of projects in a comprehensive manner.

LINKING SECTORS

The idea is to allow different departments to prioritise their projects through cross-sectoral interactions. The Project Monitoring Group mechanism is already monitoring 1,380 projects and resolved 1,300 issues, the paper noted.

Twelve customised decision-making tools have been developed on the master plan, for project planning, land parcel evaluation, cost estimation, forest intersections, monitored on PMG, it further highlighted.