Cabinet Committee PMG applauds the progress on Investment Projects in Odisha

Bhubaneswar, March 11: Cabinet Committee Investment (CCI) Project Monitoring Group led by Sri Arun Goel Additional Secretary Project Monitoring Group (PMG) Prime Ministers' Office, Govt of India reviewed the progress of the ongoing mega projects in a high level meeting held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary Sri Aditya Prasad Padhi in secretariat conference hall today wherein the Principal Secretary PPP and State PMG Sri Pradeep Kumar Jena presented the projects and outlined the issues for discussion. A total number of 44 projects of railway, national highway, coal, steel & mines and power sector were reviewed in two sessions.

Replying to the media query after the meeting, Chief Secretary Sri Padhi said that this joint exercise has been very fruitful and there has been substantial progress in grounding of the projects. Sri Padhi further added that the ground level problems faced in one sector differed from the other. The progress and problems of each individual project was discussed and issues were resolved.

In a similar query of the press, Additional Secretary, Govt of India Sri Goel said that State Administration has been quite prompt and proactive in implementation of the CCI projects. The Collectors were available over video conference in this meeting. Decisions about many ground level problems were discussed and real solutions were arrived at. Sri Goel also asked the project developers to upload specific problems that they encountered in implementation of the projects on CCI PMG website.

Available data show that all most all the major problems raised by the project proponents of around 12 projects were resolved. Some such important project were Lingaraj mines, Nuapada-Bangamunda National High way project, Jharsuguda-Bargarh-Serenga Rail line project, Garjanbahal coal mine, OPGCL projects, Visa Power Ltd, KVK Nilachal Ltd, NSL Power Ltd, Ultra mega power project etc. The concerned agencies were asked to carry on the ground level activities with definite time limits.

The meeting reviewed the progress of 6 projects in railway sector, 9 in national high way, 2 in petroleum and natural gas sector, 1 in mining sector, 16 in coal sector and 9 in power sector. The major projects included Chandikhole-Dubutitalcher NH, Angul Sambalpur NH, Cuttack Angul NH, Baramapatpur Baliguda highway, Panhipali-Rimuli NH, Aluminium refinery of NALCO at Damanjodi, Jagannath Washery, Hingula Washery, IB Valley Washery at Lakhnapur, Basundhara Washery, Coal Mining Projects of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited in Odisha, Jharsuguda-Bargarh-Serenga Railway Line, Nathaj (UO)Mine, Hingula OCP, Kanha OCP, Ananta Exm OCP, Garjanbahal OCP, Orient (UG), Darlipalli Super thermal power plant, Visha Orissa Thermal Power Plant, Sahaca India Power Corporation Ltd, Purnia Kharagpur Transmission Project, , Lanco Babandh Power Limited, 4000 MW Odisha Ultra Mega Power Project, KVK Nilachal Power Pvt Ltd. Chief Secretary Sri Padhi set timelines and landmarks for completion of different tasks against each project.

It may be pertinent to mention here that e-PMS, an online project monitoring system has been put in place by Govt. of India to monitor the projects involving investment between Rs.100 cr to Rs.1600 cr. The system tracks and facilitates grounding of all investment projects.

The system includes facilities for online submission of projects, editing and updating of the projects, reviewing the projects and submission of details relating to bottlenecks, if any. The system has been made investor friendly and it automatically eliminates duplicate as well as inconsistent record keeping. Any private entrepreneur or any Department or Ministry willing to start a project can click on http://cabsec.gov.in or http://cadsec.nic.in to get their login credentials.

The Development Commissioner Sri R. Balakrishnan, Principal Secretary Forest & Environment Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, Principal Secretary Revenue & Disaster Management Dr. Mona Sharma, Principal Secretary Industry Sri Sanjeev Chopra, Secretaries and senior officers of respective departments along with project developers participated in discussions.