Project Monitoring Group of PMO acclaims Odisha’s Investment Projects

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The 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 Padi in secretariat conference hall on Friday wherein the Principal Secretary PPP and State PMG Sri Pradeep Kumar Jena presented the projects and outlined the issues for discussion.

The PMG also sought the expedition of 32 mega projects, which have been pending for years.

The review was held in 2 sessions in morning and afternoon. In the 1st session they discussed about the railway and national highway projects. The major projects reviewed included Khudha-Bolangir new broad gage railway with project cost of Rs.3550 crs, doubling of Sambalpur-Bamur railway line with project cost of Rs1111 cr, doubling of Sambalpur-Titilagarh railway with project cost of Rs1078 cr, Hardaspur-Paradeep rail link project, Talcher-Bimilagarh new rail line project with estimated cost of Rs.810 cr and Angul-Sukinda new rail line project with estimated cost of Rs638.5 cr.

The national high way projects reviewed included Tileibani Sambalpur section of NH_6 with estimated cost of Rs.752 Cr., Bijnabajahal-Teleibani section of NH-6 with estimated cost of Rs.1057 cr., Baharagora-Singara section of NH-6 with estimated cost of Rs.734 cr., 6 laning of Bhubaneswar-Chandikhol section of NH_5 with estimated cost of Rs1047 cr, Rimoli-Roxy-Rajamunda section of NH-215 with project cost of Rs.586 cr. Chandikhol-Talcher NH with estimated cost of Rs.396 cr, Angul-Sambalpur Toll road project involving investment of Rs. 1220 cr, Cuttack-Angul toll way project with estimated cost of Rs.1123.69 cr, Panikoli-Rimuli NH with project cost of Rs.1410 cr, construction of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya at 4 locations of the State and fly over approach road to IT & electronics hardware info valley project.

In the 2nd session the progress of coal and power projects were discussed. The major projects were SMC power generation project, buxite mines of Anark Almunium Ltd, Telengiri Irrigation Project, Coal mine projects of MCL, Jharsuguda-Barpali coal transportaion railway line, Hingula OCP, Kaniha OCP,Ananta extention OCP, Orient OCP, Orient underground mines, Super Thermal Power Project at Darlipali, Lanco Babandh Power Ltd, Odisha Ultra Mega Power Project, coal transport corridor and water pipeline corridor. The issues relating to rehabilitation, award of compensation, forest clearance, evacuation of encroachment from acquired land, forest clearance, environmental clearances, tree cutting permission, DGPS survey, compensatory afforestation etc were discussed and resolved.

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.1000 cr.