State launches e-portal to fast-track projects

With an objective to create an institutional mechanism for fast-tracking stalled investment projects, both in the public and private sectors, Chief Minister Laxmikant Parsekar on Friday launched Goa e-Svidha portal, an online mechanism to fast-track approvals and resolve issues pertaining to infrastructure and other large projects. The mechanism has been developed by the cabinet secretariat informatics division of state information and technology department.

Chief Secretary R. S. Sitaram, additional secretary of a special cell, PMA, finance secretary, Shriram Choudhari, the special budget secretary, Anurag Ahbhay, Parsekar and other officials were present for the function, held at Secretariat Porvorim.

The mechanism aims at resolving a variety of issues with a view to fast-track the approvals for setting up and commissioning infrastructure and other mega projects, particularly stalled projects with targeted investment between Rs. 50 crore and Rs. 5000 crore.

"This system will not only encourage investment in the state, but will facilitate Goa Investment Promotion Board, besides make concerned departments accountable and answerable when there are objections from the locals to proposed projects," Parsekar said.

Goyal said that the system has been designed to enhance efficiency, boost transparency, boost investor confidence and eliminate the human interaction and improve communication between the industry and the Centre as well as state government, adding that a project proponent in the process of setting up or implementing a project can submit an application and receive a response within 30 days.

"The system has been designed to ensure that projects are cleared within 30 days. It will also enable investors to know the status of their applications at any given point of time," he said.

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