Gujarat launches portal to monitor projects

Projects with an investment of Rs 100 crore to Rs1,000 crore can register their projects and know the status of the same

In order to clear projects facing implementation bottleneck, the Gujarat government launched its project monitoring group (PMG) portal here on Monday. With this, projects with an investment between Rs100 crore and Rs1000 crore can be registered on the state portal. Meanwhile, the central government's project monitoring group (PMG) has cleared 154 projects in a year since it came into existence. However, 240 projects worth Rs11 lakh crore are yet to be resolved.

Gujarat is the 12th state to launch the project monitoring portal. Now, projects with a proposed investment of Rs100 crore to Rs1000 crore can register their project and know the status of the same. With the change in the government at the Centre, the PMG has been asked to monitor the ground realities of the projects cleared by it. Of the total 498 projects, with an investment to the tune of Rs22 lakh crore in one year, the PMG has resolved 154 projects promising an investment of Rs5.5 lakh crore, said Anil Swarup, chairman of PMG. He was in the state to launch the state government's project monitoring portal. Swarup said that 65 projects had already started production, while 60 more were under construction. “Around 25-26 projects have come across additional hurdles,” he said.

Swarup added that PMG is only a facilitator and not a decision-maker. Therefore, no decision was taken in 40 project because of some litigation or they were related to domestic gas allocation, etc. He said 21 projects were policy-related so the group could not facilitate them.

Cairn India's project gets clearance

Cairn India's Salaya-Bhogat pipeline project with an investment to the tune of Rs2682 crore was cleared by the government of Gujarat. The project finally got clearance on Monday.

“The government of Gujarat has granted clearance to Cairn India's project," said chairman of PMG, Anil Swarup. The decision was taken at a meeting between Eswarup, state chief secretary and officials of various departments of the state. Onshore pipeline from Salya to Bhogat was stalled in Khamisela taluka by the local leaders.