Gujarat launches project management system

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Gujarat became the 12th state to launch e-PMS (project management system) for faster clearance of projects in the state, according to a Times of India report. ePMS has been developed by Cabinet Secretariat to fast-track infrastructure investment stalled projects, both in the public and private sectors, involving investment between Rs 100-1000 crore.

This system has been designed in such a way that it will enhance the efficiency, bring transparency, boost the investor confidence, revive the investment cycle, eliminate the human interaction and improve the communication between Industries to Government (B2G), State to Centre (G2S) or vice versa (G2B), the TOI reported. "This system automates the entire tracking of stalled investment project issues from submission to commission on time," said Anil Swarup, additional secretary and chairman, Project Monitoring Group, Government of India.

Industries can upload their issues on both (State as well as Central Project Monitoring Group portal) depending upon the project investment cost. Gujarat is the 12th State to launch the state portal in presence of Dr Varsiddhi Shree, chief Secretary, Government of Gujarat and members of CII in Gachibowli.

Accordingly to Swarup, as on date, 446 projects has been registered on the Project Monitoring Group portal worth Rs 22 lakh crore of investment out of which, 158 projects worth Rs 5.5 lakh crore has already been facilitated for clearance.

Devanshu Gandhi, vice chairman, CII Gujarat and Managing Director, Vadilal Industries Ltd highlighted that this initiative of digitization of process and streamlining it with State Governments for scaled projects will be of huge benefit to the industry at large and bring lot of trust factor in the entire practice in India, the TOI report mentioned.

The state government will be assisted by the project monitoring group (PMG) which was set up by UPA government in June last year to facilitate faster clearance of projects of more than Rs 1,000 crore. The group co-ordinates with all the ministries and other agencies to get clearances for the projects. Almost 40 percent of the projects had issues related to environment.

Of the 446 projects taken up the PMG, 10 projects of over Rs 1 lakh crore were located in Gujarat. As many as six of those projects including Mundra SEZ of Adani Group and Cairn India's pipeline project from Saya to Bhogat have been resolved, the report stated.