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### Maha to launch Project Monitoring Group

Against the backdrop of a rout in the Lok Sabha polls and with an eye on forthcoming Assembly polls, Maharashtra government has decided to set up a monitoring group to expedite clearances of industrial projects.

The government is likely to launch a PMG (project monitoring group) portal next week that will facilitate faster clearances of industrial projects through web to ensure more transparency and time-bound action.

"In view of the success of the PMG at the Centre, there was a demand from the industry to lower the threshold limit. Accordingly, the Centre is now assisting Maharashtra, to set up their own portals for smaller projects," the Central PMG chairman Anil Swarup said.

Swarup said that project-related clearances will be monitored through a web portal and he would soon be coming to the city to launch it.

Maharashtra will be the eighth state to set up a project monitoring group after Odisha, Uttarakhand, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Karnataka.

The Prithviraj Chavan government has come under criticism from industry players as well as political parties for delay in clearances for projects which they claimed was impacting the growth of the state.