

Take proactive steps to expedite projects: CS tells field officials

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WITH a view to expediting various rail, road, coal and power projects in State, Chief Secretary GC Pati today directed field level Forest and Revenue officials to take proactive steps.

He also directed stringent action against habitual trouble makers who attempt to stall work under some or other pretext.

The directive of Pati came during a review of the Project monitoring Group of Cabinet Committee which met at the State Secretariat to take stock of the ongoing Railway, National Highway, coal mine, steel and power generation projects in State.

The project proponents were advised to take possession of land already handed over to them so that further encroachment does not take place and ensure project implementation, fulfilling rehabilitation commitments and Corporate Social Responsibility obligations.

Around 40 projects were reviewed and the issues raised by project proponents were resolved at the meeting. The



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Forest and Environment Department was directed to identify 10,000 hectare of degraded forest land and keep these in land bank for compensatory afforestation against the forest diversions done for railway, national highway and coal mine projects.

Chief Secretary directed Forest Department to move to Centre for constitution of regional forest and environment committee for quicker decision on diversion proposals.

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Major projects like Jharsuguda-Barpalli-Sardega Railway line, Jharsuguda-Rengali doubling, Talcher-Bimlagarh new railway line, Angul-Sukhinda new line project, Angul Sambalpur Toll Road project, Cuttack Angul Toll-way Project, Birmitrapur Barkote Highway, Panikholi-Rimoi NH, projects of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd viz. Kulda open cast project (OCP) Siarmal OCP, Balaram OCP, Kulda OC, Lakhanpur OCP, Bhubaneswar OCP, Jagannath OC, Bharatpur OCP, Lingaraj OCP, Hingula OCP,

OCP, Samaleswari OCP, Talabira OCP, Nataraj under ground Mine, Hingula OCP, MJSJ Coal Gopalprasad, Kaniha OCP, Ananta Extn. OCP, Garjanbahal OCP, IOCL Project viz. augmentation of Paradip-Haldia-Barauni Pipeline, Paradip-Durgapur LPG Pipeline, Paradip-Raipur-Ranchi Pipeline, VISA Thermal Power Plant, Sahara India Power Corporation., PKTCL Power Transmission Company, Monnet Power Company Ltd., Tentulei Thermal Power Project, Lanco Babandh Power Ltd., Odisha Ultra Mega Power Project, KVK, Nilachal Power Pvt. Ltd., M/s Jindal Stainless Ltd., VISA Steel Ltd., SMC, Power Generation Ltd., JSPL Angul Steel Project, Essar Steel India Ltd., Bhushan Steel Ltd. CRNO Project, Anandapur Barrage Project were reviewed by the Chief Secretary.

Principal Secretary PPP Cell Pradeep Kumar Jena presented the issues for discussion at the meeting which was attended among others by Development Commissioner UN Behera, ACS, R&DM Dr Taradatt, Secretary Works NK Pradhan, Secretaries of various Departments along with senior officers from both Union government and State.