

Govt to extend PM Gati Shakti project to cover social sector

New Delhi : The government is looking to expand the scope of the PM Gati Shakti project to the social sector to cover health, education, panchayati raj and women and child development. PM Gati Shakti, which is so far focused on building infrastructure projects more efficiently, is a technology-based tool that helps fill crucial gaps and suggest best options to implement projects quickly and in a cost-effective manner.

“The initiative is doing good for infrastructure development projects. . . We have recently started engaging with the social sector departments also to see how we can utilise it to improve their functioning. We have started expanding our horizon to the social sector also,” secretary in the department for promotion of industry Anurag Jain said. While preliminary discussions have been held, Jain said, the details will be worked out. Besides, the scope is also proposed to be expanded to cover culture ministry so that the infrastructure around monuments is improved. In the case of the social sector, apart from building, say, schools and hospitals, the projects could also include transporting children from villages to a larger school could be planned through PM Gati Shakti.

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