



Approval of Infrastructure Projects

Why in News?

Recently, the Union Cabinet **approved the infrastructure projects in Bihar and the North-East worth over Rs.5,500 crore.**

- Projects worth Rs.2,486.78 crore for improvement and widening of the 135-km stretch of the **national highway from Khowai to Harina in Tripura are also approved** by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA).

Note

The CCEA **also approved the [Minimum Support Price \(MSP\)](#) for copra for 2024.**

Key Points

- A **4.56 km-long six-lane bridge** over the Ganga connecting Digha and Sonapur in Bihar was approved by the cabinet.
 - Digha, in Patna district, and Sonapur, in Saran district, are **currently connected by a rail-cum-road bridge** that can be used by light vehicles only.
- According to the Information and Broadcasting Minister, the **new bridge would connect north and south Bihar**, and would allow transport by heavy vehicles.
- The project, which will take 42 months to complete, **would also improve connectivity for sites of Buddhist pilgrimage like Vaishali.**

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