

Cabinet briefing

Wednesday 18th March 2026



Cabinet decisions

#	Decisions	Amount (Rs)
1	Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana (BHAVYA)	33,660 Cr
2	MSP for cotton season 2023-24	11,712 Cr
3	4 laning of Barabanki to Bahraich section of NH-927	6,969 Cr
4	Small Hydro Power Development Scheme	2,585 Cr
Total		54,926 Cr



Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana (33,660 Cr)

Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana (BHAVYA)

- **Cabinet approved Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana (BHAVYA)**
- Central sector scheme for development of **investment-ready plug-and-play industrial parks**
- Outlay: **Rs 33,660 Cr**
- Total industrial parks to be developed: **100**
- Central Government support: up to **Rs 1 Cr per acre**
- Duration: **6 years** (FY 2026–27 to 2031–32)
- Eligibility: Minimum area of 100 acres (25 acres in NE/Hilly area)

Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana (BHAVYA)

- Projects will be developed with State Governments, Central PSUs and private developers
- Projects will be selected in challenge mode
- Evaluation criteria:
 - **PM GatiShakti principles**
 - **Underground utility corridors**
 - **Green energy**
 - **Ease of doing business reforms**
- Will facilitate approx **34,000 acres of investment-ready, plug-and-play industrial facilities at competitive rates**
- Will support Atmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India
- Will generate significant employment opportunities for youth



MSP support for Cotton season 2023-24 (Rs 11,712 Cr)

MSP support for Cotton season 2023-24

- Indian farmers produced 325 lakh cotton bales in Cotton season 2023-24
- During 2023-24 season (Oct-23 to Sep-24), cotton prices fell below the Minimum Support Price (MSP)
- Government (CCI) purchased at MSP to support farmers
- Supported **7.25 lakh farmers**, with purchase of **33 lakh bales of cotton**
- Total support provided: **Rs 11,712 Cr**
- **Cabinet approved reimbursement of Rs 1,718 Cr expenditure incurred for MSP operations for cotton during Cotton Season 2023–24**



**4 laning of Barabanki - Bahraich section of NH 927
(101.5 km; Rs 6,969 Cr)**



**Proposed Connectivity
from Barabanki to Bahraich**

Four lane Barabanki – Bahraich section (NH-927)

- NH 927 connects Barabanki (Uttar Pradesh, India) to Nepalgarh (Nepal)
- Cabinet approved **construction of access controlled Four-lane Barabanki – Bahraich section of National Highway (NH) – 927**
- Project length: **101.5 km**
- Cost: **Rs 6,969 Cr**
- Districts covered: **Barabanki and Bahraich in Uttar Pradesh**
- Project includes construction of **one six lane major bridge on Ghaghra river**
- **Bahraich – Rupaidiha (54 km) section: DPR under preparation**

Benefits

- Will strengthen the important India-Nepal trade and transit route
- Will decongest Barabanki - Bahraich - Gonda - Balrampur towards Nepal
- Will reduce travel time between Bahraich and Barabanki from **3 hours to 1 hour**
- Will improve connectivity to **Shravasti airport** and key Buddhist tourist sites
- Will help agro, sugar, textile, logistics, pharma, and other export industries by reducing transport time and costs
- Will improve connectivity for 3 PM GatiShakti economic nodes (2 mega food parks, 1 SEZ) , 2 aspirational districts (Bahraich and Shravasti), 10 railway stations



Small Hydro Power Development Scheme (Rs 2,585 Cr)

Small Hydro Power in India

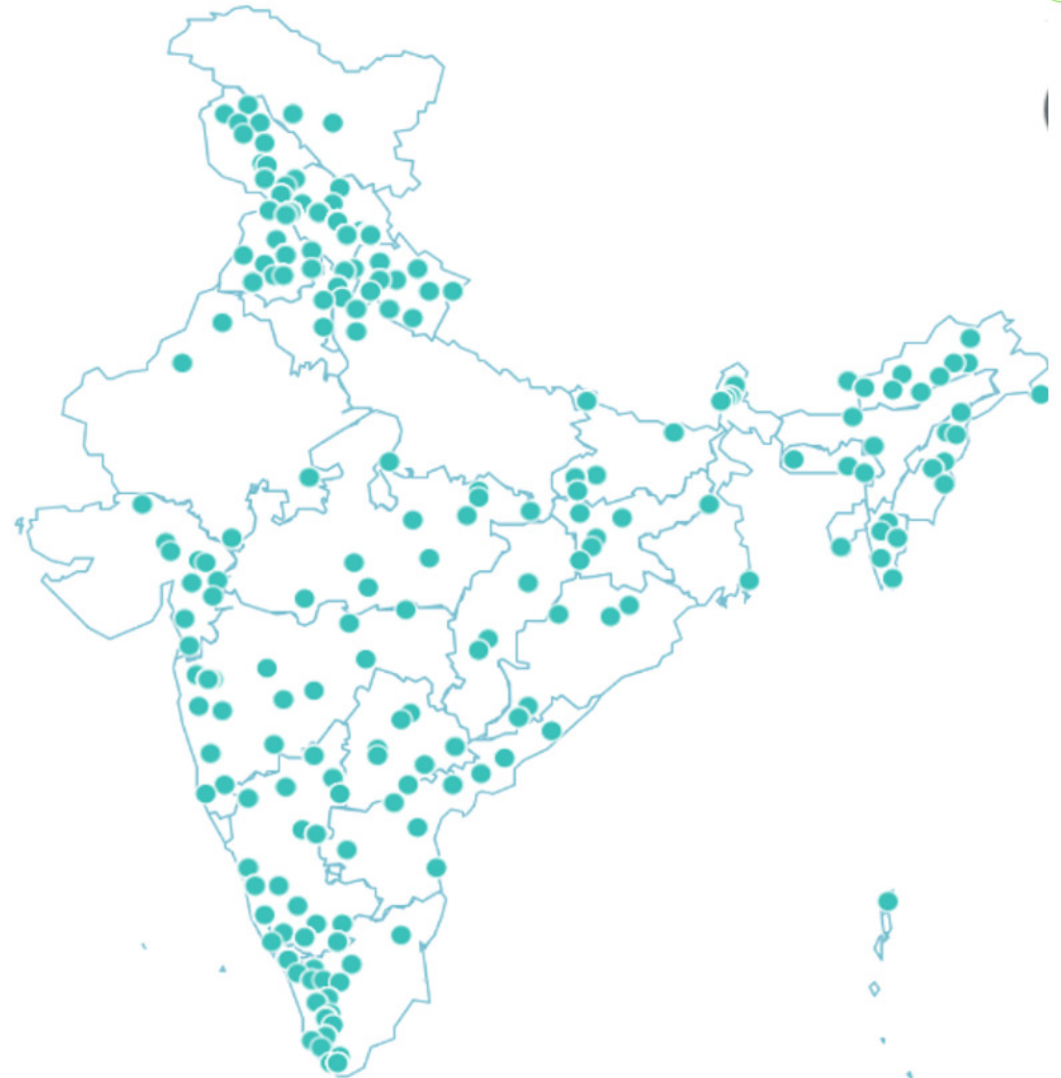
- Significant potential for small hydro projects in India

Potential:

- Potential sites: **7,133**
- Potential capacity: **21,000 MW**

Present utilization:

- Sites: **1,196**
- Capacity: **5,100 MW**



Small Hydro Power Development Scheme

- Advantages of Small Hydro Power (SHP) plants :
 - No dam construction or environment clearance needed
 - Provides power in remote areas
 - Project life is more than 40 years
- **Cabinet today approved Small Hydro Power Development Scheme**
- Capacity: **1 MW to 25 MW**
- Total outlay: **Rs 2,585 Cr**
- Duration: **5 years** (2026-27 to 2030-31)
- Support shall be provided as follows:
 - **30% of cost up to 30 Cr in North Eastern states and International border districts**
 - **20% of cost up to 20 Cr in other states**

Benefits

- **Will lead to additional small hydro projects with capacity of 1,500 MW**
- **Will attract total investment to the tune of Rs 15,000 Cr in small hydro projects**
- Will provide round the clock reliable power supply in border and hilly areas
- Will support economic growth and generate new employment opportunities
- Will help in reducing migration from remote villages and border areas
- Will enhance grid reliability
- Will achieve CO₂ emission reduction of 4.3 million tonnes per annum
- Only indigenous equipment shall be used - supporting Atmanirbhar Bharat

Cabinet decisions since June 2024 (Railways, Highways, Metro)



51 Railway projects
Rs 1,84,638 Cr



30 Highway projects
Rs 2,54,187 Cr



10 Metro projects
Rs 1,31,237 Cr

Cabinet decisions since June 2024 (Airports, Ports, Ropeways)



5 new Airports
Rs 9,006 Cr



1 major port +
Shipping reforms
Rs 1,45,945 Cr



2 new ropeways
Rs 6,811 Cr

Cabinet decisions since June 2024 (Power, smart city, Housing)



Hydro projects +
budgetary Support
Rs 31,017 Cr

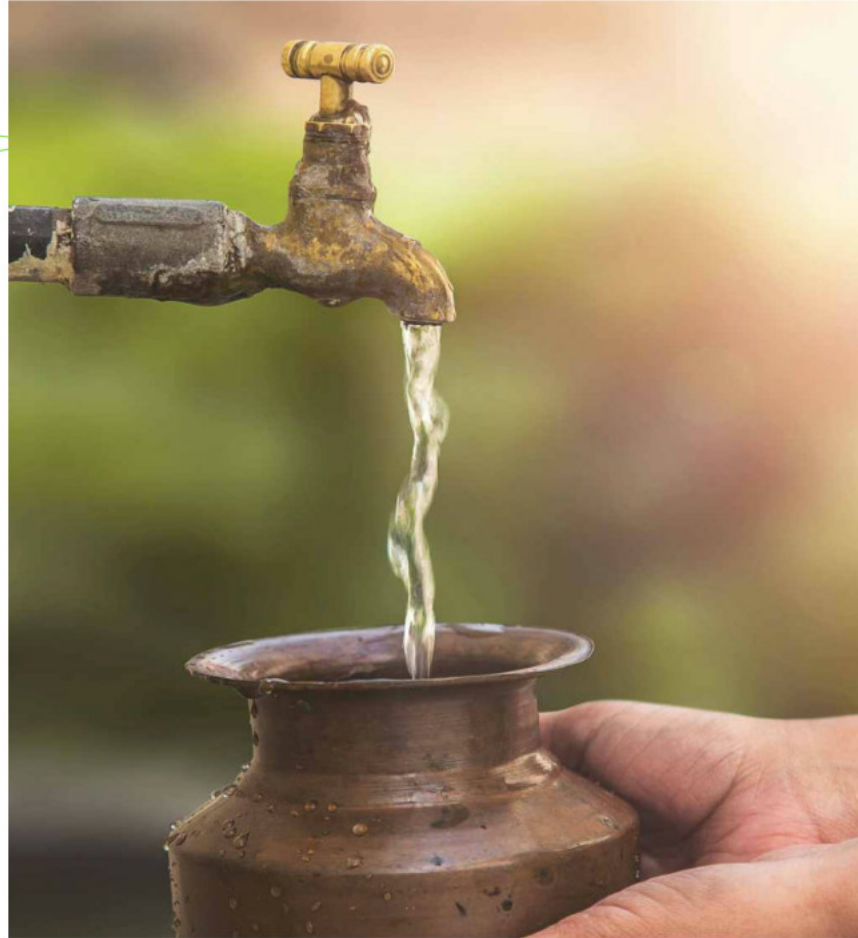


12 Industrial smart
cities + Industrial parks
Rs 62,262 Cr



PM Awaas Yojana
Rs 5,36,137 Cr

Cabinet decisions since June 2024 (Power, smart city, Housing)



Jal Jeevan Mission
Rs 8.7 Lakh Cr



Total infra projects approved since June 2024
~ Rs 22.3 Lakh Cr



