

PM reviews working of ministries

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday expressed satisfaction over the working of different ministries and government departments during the 21st review meeting through the model platform for Pro-active Governance and Timely Implementation or PRAGATI.

The Prime Minister reviewed the progress regarding 'handling and resolution of grievances' related to patents and trademarks. He called upon the officers to expedite the patent application process using latest technologies on par with global standards.

Progress of vital infrastructure in various states across the country, smart city mission and working of the GST

and government e-market or GeM came in for appreciation from Modi.

"The challenge before everyone is now to ensure implementation and expeditious completion of the work in the 90 identified cities, with high quality," Modi was quoted as saying while reviewing the progress of his government's ambitious Smart City project.

Crucial infrastructure projects worth Rs 56,000 crore covering railway, road, power, oil pipeline, health in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Telangana and Kerala were also reviewed.

Modi said the country's 'smooth transition' to GST has



given a lie to apprehensions expressed in this regard. He asked all chief secretaries in states to ensure increased registration under the new uniform tax regime and "achieve a quantum jump in this regard within a month".

Giving a summary of the previous 20 review meetings, a government Press note said: "The first 20 meetings of PRAGATI have seen a cumulative review of projects worth Rs 8.79 lakh crore. Resolution of public grievances covering 17 sectors

has been reviewed."

Taking note of the progress of the implementation of the Forest Rights Act, the PM underlined the need for the use of space technologies to determine the rights of tribal communities and expeditious settlements of their claims over forest land.

Two months after the roll-out of GST, Prime Minister Modi today said apprehensions with regard to the indirect tax regime have been proven to be unfounded and a smooth transition has happened, adds PTI.

He asked chief secretaries of all states to further boost efforts to increase registration under GST (Goods and Services Tax) and to achieve a quantum jump in this regard within a month, a PMO statement said.