

Union Cabinet approves 82 km long RRTS project

The project worth ₹30,000 cr will connect Delhi, Gzb & Meerut and will cover distance in 55 minutes

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Ahead of 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the Union Cabinet on Tuesday approved a project Rapid Rail Transit System (RRTS) connecting Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut covering a distance of 82.15 kms. The project will cost ₹30,274 crore. The rapid rail will have a design speed of 180 kmph and will operate at 160 kmph. It is expected to cater to nearly 7.4 lakh daily commuters as per the detailed project report. The rapid train will cover the distance in 55 minutes from Meerut to Delhi. Presently, traveler takes 2 to 3 hours to complete the distance between Delhi and Meerut.

Addressing after the cabinet meeting, Union Minister Arun Jaitley said that the central assistance to this project in the form of grant and sub ordinate debt will be Rs 5634 crore. "The implementation of

this project will provide additional public transport infrastructure to the National Capital Region to address the issue of congestion, air pollution, catalyse balanced and sustainable regional development,"

As per proposal, there will be 24 stations between Delhi and Meerut. Of the total length of 82.15 kms, 68.03 kms will be elevated while 14.12 kms will be underground. The RRTS station can accommodate 12-coach trains with superior amenities is all set to change the way India travels on rails.

The Sarai Kale Khan station, the starting point of the Delhi-Meerut corridor will be a transit hub, with an existing inter-state bus terminal, the Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station, and the upcoming Delhi Metro station, on the Pink Line, which you can read about here.

The trains will have the facilities of universal access, which means differently-abled people won't have an issue embarking or disembarking. The stations will have platform screen doors, and trains will be loaded with safety features for safety and stability at high speeds.