

## **New land policy for PM Gati Shakti Framework**

- For implementing PM Gati Shakti Framework, Government has approved Railways' revised policy on leasing of railway land for cargo related activities and public utilities.
- This new policy will enable integrated development of infrastructure and more cargo terminals.
- It provides for long term leasing of railway land for cargo related activities for a period up-to 35 years @ 1.5% of market value of land per annum.
- The existing entities using railway land for cargo terminals will have the option to switch to the new policy regime after transparent and competitive bidding process.
- This will increase modal share of rail in freight transportation and reduce overall logistics cost in the country.
- 300 PM Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals would be developed over next 5 years and about 1.2 lakh employment would be generated
- The policy also simplifies Railways' land use and Right of Way (ROW) for integrated development of public service utilities like electricity, gas, water supply, sewage disposal, urban transport etc by providing railway land @ 1.5% of market value of land per annum.

- For Optical Fibre Cables (OFC) and other smaller diameter underground utilities a one-time fee of Rs 1000/- will be charged for crossing railway track
- The policy provides for use of railway land at nominal cost for setting up of solar plants on railway land.
- The policy also encourages development of social infrastructure (such as hospitals through PPP and schools through Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan) on railway land at a nominal annual fee of Rupee 1 per sqm per annum