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MPC minutes of August meeting

Rail projects. NH-22 upgrade.

62nd MPC

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Rs 9,450
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FOUR RAIL PROJECTS

Rs 3,590
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NH-22 ON HAM

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MPC minutes.

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Editor's briefing and contents

A central bank disclosure and two infrastructure approvals lead this edition.

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Reading guide

3 verified stories, each linked to its source. Earlier developments are explicitly carried forward. Not every possible update is covered. The separate 6-question test uses this same dataset. Original practice, not an actual previous-year paper.



Banking and RBI

RBI publishes minutes of the 62nd Monetary Policy Committee meeting of 3 to 5 August 2026

19 August 2026 | Reserve Bank of India

The RBI published the minutes of the 62nd meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), held on 3 to 5 August 2026 under Governor Sanjay Malhotra. Section 45ZL of the RBI Act, 1934 requires publication on the fourteenth day after every meeting.

The minutes record that the MPC voted unanimously on the resolution to keep the policy repo rate unchanged. Members present were Dr Nagesh Kumar, Saugata Bhattacharya, Prof Ram Singh, Dr Poonam Gupta and Indranil Bhattacharyya, besides the Governor.

Key facts

Meeting: 62nd MPC, 3 to 5 August 2026

Minutes published: 19 August 2026

Legal basis: Section 45ZL, RBI Act, 1934

Vote on resolution: unanimous

Exam takeaway: The MPC is constituted under Section 45ZB of the RBI Act, 1934.

One-minute recall: MPC minutes published 14 days after the meeting (RBI, 19 August 2026).

Reserve Bank of India

Government Schemes

Cabinet approves four railway multitracking projects worth Rs 9,450 crore

19 August 2026 | Press Information Bureau

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved four Railways projects with a total cost of about Rs 9,450 crore, to be completed by 2030-31:

Kharagpur-Bhadrak (Ranital) 4th line (173 km), Bhadrak-Haridaspur 4th line (75 km), Gummidipundi-Gudur 3rd and 4th line (90 km) and Cuttack-Paradeep (Badabandha) 3rd and 4th line (72 km).

The projects cover eight districts in West Bengal, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, add about 410 km to the network, and are expected to carry additional freight of 76 MTPA. They are planned on the PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan.

Key facts

Total cost: about Rs 9,450 crore

Completion: up to 2030-31

Network added: about 410 km

Additional freight: 76 MTPA

Exam takeaway: Gati Shakti planning is a recurring theme in infrastructure approvals.

One-minute recall: Four railway multitracking projects, Rs 9,450 crore (PIB, 19 August 2026).

Press Information Bureau

Cabinet approves 4-laning of Muzaffarpur-Sitamarhi-Sonbarsa section of NH-22 on HAM at Rs 3,590.73 crore

19 August 2026 | Press Information Bureau

The CCEA approved upgradation of the 82.578 km Muzaffarpur-Sitamarhi-Sonbarsa section of NH-22 in Bihar to four lanes on Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM) at a total capital cost of Rs 3,590.73 crore.

PIB said the corridor is a key feeder connecting the India-Nepal border at Sonbarsa with Muzaffarpur on NH-27 (East-West Corridor).

Key facts

Length: 82.578 km

Mode: Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM)

Cost: Rs 3,590.73 crore

Connects: Sonbarsa (India-Nepal border) with Muzaffarpur

Exam takeaway: Compare with the BOT toll mode used for the Guwahati-Tezpur corridor.

One-minute recall: NH-22 Bihar upgrade on HAM (PIB, 19 August 2026).

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MPC: Monetary Policy Committee.

HAM: Hybrid Annuity Mode.

CCEA: Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.

MTPA: Million Tonnes Per Annum.

Multitracking: Adding extra railway lines.

Rapid-revision prompts

When are MPC minutes published?

What is HAM?

What is multitracking?

Sources and publication information

Every figure comes from the linked source page for that story. Where an official page was not read, the story names the publication that reported it. Items we could not verify, or whose outcome was not settled, were left out. This edition has 3 stories because that is what we could verify for the day.

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