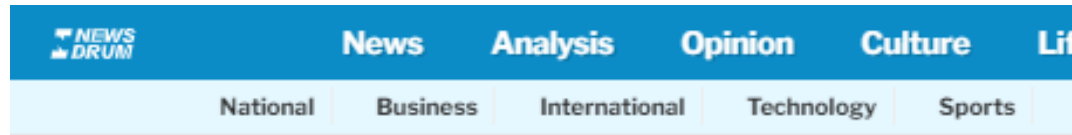


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## With new govt in Maha, Rly minister says hopeful of quick progress on bullet train project



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Gandhinagar, Jul 5 (PTI) Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw on Tuesday said he hoped faster land acquisition in Maharashtra under a new government will give a fillip to work on the section of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train corridor in that state.

The neighbouring state has a new government under Eknath Shinde, who rebelled against the Shiv Sena, with BJP stalwart Devendra Fadnavis as his deputy.

"The previous Maharashtra government did not want this project. But the government has been changed by the public, so hopefully now there will be progress with a double-engine government," he said.

"I hope if we start acquiring land in Maharashtra, and we will acquire it, then we will start work there as well," said Vaishnaw.

The minister said the project overall was progressing well and the target is to commission the stretch between Ahmedabad and Vapi by 2027.

"So far, pillars on 70 kilometres have been laid on Ahmedabad-Vapi section. Foundations between 160 km have been laid, and work on bridges on eight rivers and stations are going on at a fast pace, so hopefully we will complete work," he said while interacting with the media at Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII).