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➤ **The Gujarat Government Cleared Town Planning For Dholera Special Investment Region (SIR)"**

Gandhinagar: The Gujarat government on Tuesday cleared town planning schemes for Dholera special investment region (SIR) and Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Region (PCPIR) at Dahej.

The decision was taken at a board meeting of the Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board (GIDB) and special investment region authorities chaired by chief minister Narendra Modi.

Development plans of the two regions have already been declared. The meeting on Tuesday approved the proposed town planning scheme of Dholera SIR and Dahej PCPIR.

The chief minister also reviewed the ongoing agitation of farmers who are against giving their lands for the SIR but stressed the need for SIRs in state's industrial development.

The SIR's development master plan covers 879.33 square km area, while Dahej PCPIR is being developed on 452 square km area.

Government officials claim that the town planning schemes will give a development fillip to the both the regions, especially Dholera.

Official said that there are 22 villages in the notified area and none of them will be disturbed in the new plan.

Sources added that the town planning has ensured that locals remain the land owners. Only for the trunk infrastructure — drainage, sewage, solid waste networks — will the land be bought.

Once the area is developed they can sell their land or use it according to plan.

Of the total 91,970 hectares earmarked for the SIR, 38 per cent falls under Coastal Regulatory Zone-1, where no construction or development work is allowed.