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Bill to tackle ponzi scams

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The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday approved Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill, 2019, to tackle the menace of ponzi schemes in the country. The Bill, which will replace the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Ordinance, 2019, will be introduced in the ongoing session of the Parliament. "SEBI and RBI approved deposits will be allowed," Union Minister Prakash Javadekar said.

Green light for rural roads

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The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the third phase of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY-III) under which 1.25 lakh km of roads in rural areas will be upgraded at an estimated cost of ₹80,250 crore by 2024-25. "This would facilitate easy and faster movement to and from Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs), higher secondary schools and hospitals," an official statement said.

OTHER KEY DECISIONS

RPF set to get Group A status

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The Union Cabinet accorded Organised Group A Service status to the Railway Protection Force. "Grant of status to RPF will end stagnation, improve career progression of the officers and keep up their motivational level," an official release said. Earlier this month, the benefits were extended to Central Reserve Police Force, Border Security Force, Central Industrial Security Force, Indo-Tibetan Border Police and Sashastra Seema Bal.

Death penalty for child abuse

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The Union Cabinet approved an amendment to the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012. The Bill, which had been introduced earlier but lapsed in Parliament when the Lok Sabha was dissolved in May, was approved by the Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi, Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said. The Bill provides for stringent punishment, including death, for sexual assault of children.

Support for transgenders

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The Union Cabinet approved the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019, a previous version of which had lapsed when the Lok Sabha was dissolved in May. The Bill looks at providing social, economic and educational empowerment to transgender persons, a statement said. Sending the Bill to the Parliament again was on the first 100-day agenda of the Narendra Modi government's second term.