



Bihar Cancels Contracts Awarded During Mahagathbandhan Regime

Why in News?

Recently, **the Bihar government cancelled 350 contracts worth Rs 826 crore** that were awarded by the previous 'Mahagathbandhan' dispensation for supplying [drinking water in rural areas](#).

Key Points

- The contracts were canceled due to **irregularities in the contractor selection process**, as revealed by an inquiry conducted by the [Public Health Engineering Department](#).
- According to the sources, **Banka district tops the list** where a maximum of 106 contracts related to rural water supply systems have been cancelled, followed by Jamui, Lakhisarai, Aurangabad and Ara.
 - Officials from various departments including health, road construction, urban development, and rural works have been instructed to review the decisions made by the previous grand alliance government in the state.

Public Health Engineering Department (PHED)

- It is a government agency **responsible for providing safe drinking water and sanitation facilities** to the public.
- It plays a crucial role in **improving public health and well-being**.

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