

**MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TO THE PROGRAM PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
REPORT FOR THE MADHYA PRADESH PUBLIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAM IN INDIA (Loan 1717-IND)**

On 10 August 2007, the Director General, Operations Evaluation Department, received the following response from the Managing Director General on behalf of Management:

1. We appreciate OED's evaluation of the Madhya Pradesh Public Sector Resource Management Program (the Program).
  
2. We agree with the overall findings and assessment of the above Project Performance Evaluation Report. There were external and political factors that contributed to start-up and implementation delays of the Program. We support the PPER's suggestion that we need to give due consideration to assess political and external factors in formulating such a program, and to develop mechanisms to ensure that reform targets are realigned with changing government policies should the need arise.
  
3. We support the proposed follow-up action relating to the need to review ADB's state support strategy in formulating the India 2007-2010 country partnership strategy.