

PROJECT AGREEMENT
(Rural Roads Sector II Investment Program – Project 4)

between

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

and

MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
STATE OF WEST BENGAL

DATED 3 SEPTEMBER 2009

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PROJECT AGREEMENT dated 3 September 2009 between ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (hereinafter called "ADB") on the one part and the Ministry of Rural Development, acting by the President of India (hereinafter called "MORD"); and (ii) the State of West Bengal, acting by its Governor (hereinafter called "West Bengal") on the other part.

WHEREAS

(A) by a Loan Agreement of even date herewith between India (hereinafter called the "Borrower") and ADB, ADB has agreed to make to the Borrower a loan of one hundred eighty five million dollars (\$185,000,000) on the terms and conditions set forth in the Loan Agreement, but only on the condition that certain portion of the proceeds of the Loan be made available to MORD and West Bengal and that MORD and West Bengal agree to undertake certain obligations towards ADB as hereinafter set forth; and

(B) MORD and West Bengal, in consideration of ADB entering into the Loan Agreement with the Borrower, have agreed to undertake the obligations hereinafter set forth;

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

Definitions

Section 1.01. Wherever used in this Project Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires, the several terms defined in the Loan Agreement and in the Loan Regulations (as so defined) have the respective meanings therein set forth.

ARTICLE II

Particular Covenants

Section 2.01. (a) MORD and West Bengal shall carry out the Project with due diligence and efficiency, and in conformity with sound administrative, financial, engineering, environmental and rural roads developmental practices.

(b) In the carrying out of the Project and operation of the Project facilities, MORD and West Bengal shall perform all obligations set forth in the Loan Agreement to the extent that they are applicable to MORD and West Bengal.

Section 2.02. MORD and West Bengal shall make available, promptly as needed, the funds, facilities, services, equipment, land and other resources which are required, in addition to the proceeds of the Loan, for the carrying out of the Project.

Section 2.03. (a) In the carrying out of the Project, MORD and West Bengal shall employ competent and qualified contractors, acceptable to ADB, to an extent and upon terms and conditions satisfactory to ADB.

(b) Except as ADB may otherwise agree, all Goods and Works to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan shall be procured in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 4 to the Loan Agreement. ADB may refuse to finance a contract where Goods and Works have not been procured under procedures substantially in accordance with those agreed between the Borrower and ADB or where the terms and conditions of the contract are not satisfactory to ADB.

Section 2.04. MORD and West Bengal shall carry out the Project in accordance with plans, design standards, specifications, work schedules and construction methods as agreed between MORD, West Bengal and ADB. MORD and West Bengal shall furnish, or cause to be furnished, to ADB, promptly after their preparation, such plans, design standards, specifications and work schedules, and any material modifications subsequently made therein, in such detail as ADB shall reasonably request.

Section 2.05. (a) MORD and West Bengal shall take out and maintain with responsible insurers, or make other arrangements satisfactory to ADB for, insurance of the Project facilities to such extent and against such risks and in such amounts as shall be consistent with sound practice.

(b) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, MORD and West Bengal undertake to insure, or cause to be insured, the Goods to be imported for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan against hazards incident to the acquisition, transportation and delivery thereof to the place of use or installation, and for such insurance any indemnity shall be payable in a currency freely usable to replace or repair such Goods.

Section 2.06. MORD and West Bengal shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, records and accounts adequate to identify the Goods and Works and other items of expenditure financed out of the proceeds of the Loan, to disclose the use thereof in the Project, to record the progress of the Project (including the cost thereof) and to reflect, in accordance with consistently maintained sound accounting principles, its operations and financial condition.

Section 2.07. (a) ADB, MORD and West Bengal shall cooperate fully to ensure that the purposes of the Loan will be accomplished.

(b) MORD and West Bengal shall promptly inform ADB of any condition which interferes with, or threatens to interfere with, the progress of the Project, the performance of its obligations under this Project Agreement, or the accomplishment of the purposes of the Loan.

(c) In relation to the Project, ADB, MORD and West Bengal shall from time to time, at the request of either party, exchange views through their representatives with regard to any matters relating to the Project, MORD and West Bengal and the Loan.

Section 2.08. (a) MORD and West Bengal shall furnish to ADB all such reports and information as ADB shall reasonably request concerning (i) the Loan and the expenditure of the proceeds thereof; (ii) the Goods and Works and other items of expenditure financed out of such proceeds; (iii) the Project; (iv) the administration, operations and financial status of MORD and West Bengal in so far as it relates to the Project; and (v) any other matters relating to the purposes of the Loan.

(b) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, MORD and West Bengal shall furnish to ADB quarterly reports on the execution of the Project and on the operation and management of the Project facilities. Such reports shall be submitted in such form and in such detail and within such a period as ADB shall reasonably request, and shall indicate, among other things, progress made and problems encountered during the quarter under review, steps taken or proposed to be taken to remedy these problems, and proposed program of activities and expected progress during the following quarter.

(c) Promptly after physical completion of the Project, but in any event not later than three (3) months thereafter or such later date as ADB may agree for this purpose, MORD and West Bengal shall prepare and furnish to ADB a report, in such form and in such detail as ADB shall reasonably request, on the execution and initial operation of the Project, including its cost, the performance by MORD and West Bengal of its obligations under this Project Agreement and the accomplishment of the purposes of the Loan.

Section 2.09. MORD and West Bengal shall (i) maintain separate accounts for the Project and for its overall operations; (ii) have such accounts and related financial statements (balance sheet, statement of income and expenses, and related statements) audited annually, in accordance with appropriate auditing standards consistently applied, by independent auditors whose qualifications, experience and terms of reference are acceptable to ADB; and (iii) furnish to ADB, promptly after their preparation but in any event not later than nine (9) months after the close of the fiscal year to which they relate, certified copies of such audited accounts and financial statements and the report of the auditors relating thereto (including the auditors' opinion on the use of the Loan proceeds and compliance with the covenants of the Loan Agreement as well as on the use of the procedures for imprest account/statement of expenditures), all in the English language. MORD and West Bengal shall furnish to ADB such further information concerning such accounts and financial statements and the audit thereof as ADB shall from time to time reasonably request.

Section 2.10. MORD and West Bengal shall enable ADB's representatives to inspect the Project, the Goods and Works financed out of the proceeds of the Loan, and any relevant records and documents.

Section 2.11. (a) MORD and West Bengal shall, promptly as required, take all action within its powers to carry on its operations, and to acquire, maintain and renew all rights, properties, powers, privileges and franchises which are necessary in the carrying out of the Project or in the conduct of its business.

(b) Insofar as they relate to the Project, MORD and West Bengal shall at all times conduct its business in accordance with sound administrative, financial, environmental and rural roads developmental practices.

(c) Insofar as they relate to the Project, MORD and West Bengal shall at all times operate and maintain its plants, equipment and other property, and from time to time, promptly as needed, make all necessary repairs and renewals thereof, all in accordance with sound administrative, financial, engineering, environmental, rural roads development, and maintenance and operational practices.

Section 2.12. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, during the Project implementation period, MORD and West Bengal shall not sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any of its assets which shall be required for the efficient carrying on of its operations or the disposal of which may prejudice its ability to perform efficiently or satisfactorily any of its obligations under this Project Agreement.

Section 2.13. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, MORD and West Bengal shall apply the proceeds of the Loan to the financing of expenditures on the Project in accordance with the provisions of the Loan Agreement and this Project Agreement, and shall ensure that all Goods and Works financed out of such proceeds are used exclusively in the carrying out of the Project.

Section 2.14. MORD shall promptly notify ADB of any amendments to the PMGSY Guidelines that may affect the Project.

ARTICLE III

Effective Date; Termination

Section 3.01. This Project Agreement shall come into force and effect on the date on which the Loan Agreement shall come into force and effect. ADB shall promptly notify MORD and West Bengal of such date.

Section 3.02. All the provisions of this Project Agreement shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding any cancellation or suspension under the Loan Agreement.

ARTICLE IV

Miscellaneous

Section 4.01. Any notice or request required or permitted to be given or made under this Project Agreement and any agreement between the parties contemplated by this Project Agreement shall be in writing. Such notice or request shall be deemed to have been duly given or made when it shall be delivered by hand or by mail, telegram, cable,

telex, facsimile or radiogram to the party to which it is required or permitted to be given or made at its address hereinafter specified, or at such other address as such party shall have designated by notice to the party giving such notice or making such request. The addresses so specified are:

For ADB

Asian Development Bank
P.O. Box 789
0980 Manila, Philippines

Facsimile Numbers:

(632) 636-2444
(632) 636-2340

For MORD

Ministry of Rural Development
Krishi Bhawan
New Delhi - 110001

Facsimile Number:

(91-11) 23388207

For West Bengal

The Principal Secretary
Panchayat & Rural Development Department
63 N.S. Road
Kolkata - 700001

Facsimile Numbers:

033-22484527
033-22438719.


Section 4.02. (a) Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any documents required or permitted to be executed, under this Project Agreement by or on behalf of (i) MORD may be taken or executed by its Joint Secretary or by such other person or persons as he/she shall so designate in writing notified to ADB, and (ii) West Bengal, may be taken or executed by its Principal Secretary, Panchayat and Rural Development Department or by such other person or persons as he/she shall so designate in writing notified to ADB.

(b) MORD and West Bengal shall furnish to ADB sufficient evidence of the authority of each person who will act under paragraph (a) of this Section, together with the authenticated specimen signature of each such person.

Section 4.03. No delay in exercising, or omission to exercise, any right, power or remedy accruing to either party under this Project Agreement upon any default shall impair any such right, power or remedy or be construed to be a waiver thereof or an acquiescence in such default; nor shall the action of such party in respect of any default, or any acquiescence in any default, affect or impair any right, power or remedy of such party in respect of any other or subsequent default.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto, acting through their representatives thereunto duly authorized, have caused this Project Agreement to be signed in their respective names and to be delivered at the principal office of ADB, as of the day and year first above written.

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

By 
TADASHI KONDO
Country Director
India Resident Mission

MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

By 
JITENDRA KUMAR
Director

STATE OF WEST BENGAL

By 
BHASKAR KHULBE
Resident Commissioner