PROJECT DATA SHEET

Project Data Sheets (PDS) contain summary information on the project or program: Because the PDS is a work in progress, some information may not be included in its initial version but will be added as it becomes available. Information about proposed projects is tentative and indicative.

PDS Creation Date	–
PDS Updated as of	10 Jun 2013

Project Name	West Bengal North-South Corridor Project (formerly West Bengal Haldia Port Connectivity Project)
Country	India
Project/Program Number	45265-001
Status	Proposed
Geographical Location	West Bengal

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Sector and/or Subsector Classification	Transport and ICT / Road Transport
Thematic Classification	Capacity development Economic growth
Gender Mainstreaming Categories	–

FINANCING

Type/Modality of Assistance	Approval Number	Source of Funding	Approved Amount (US$ thousand)
Loan	-	Ordinary capital resources	300,000
–	–	Counterpart	280,000
TOTAL			**US$ 580,000**

SAFEGUARD CATEGORIES

For more information about the safeguard categories, please see http://www.adb.org/site/safeguards/safeguard-categories

Environment

B

Involuntary Resettlement	A
Indigenous Peoples	C

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES

Environmental Aspects

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Involuntary Resettlement

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Indigenous Peoples

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STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATION, PARTICIPATION, AND CONSULTATION

During Project Design

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During Project Implementation

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DESCRIPTION

The West Bengal Port Connectivity Project (the Project) will widen about 270 km of state highways in the state of West Bengal, India and strengthen the capacity of the West Bengal Public Works (Roads) Department (PWRD) to efficiently develop, operate and maintain state highway network. Consulting services will be provided to supervise the implementation of civil works. A Technical Assistance (TA) will be provided to modernize PWRD in terms of institutional development and private sector participation, with focus on overload control.

PROJECT RATIONALE AND LINKAGE TO COUNTRY/REGIONAL STRATEGY

The State of West Bengal is on the threshold of a new era of industrialization. One of the major infrastructural requirements of industry is proper road connectivity. The general condition of roads in West Bengal is not satisfactory and per capita road length is much below the country average. The vehicle population in the state has been increasing at an average of more than 10 percent; the rate of traffic growth is expected to rise along with increasing industrialization and development activities in the coming years. Therefore widening, strengthening, and upgrading of the road network, which is suffering from capacity and strength constraints, have become urgently necessary. Among the state road network, the connectivity with Haldia port is significantly important not only for the overall state economy but also subregional economy. The improved port connectivity will remove a critical bottleneck in the movement of freight and passengers not only from the northern parts of West Bengal and the northeastern states of India, but also neighboring landlocked counties, e.g., Bhutan and Nepal, to Haldia port. The Project provides alternative route to SAARC Highway Corridors 2 and 3. The proposed north-south corridor comprising State Highways 4 and 7 passes through the trunk backbone of West Bengal along districts with high poverty but with abundance of agricultural products. The development of this route will also maximize the effect of infrastructural development, economic growth and poverty reduction in this area. The Project will develop economy of project areas as well as provide neighboring countries with an alternative link to Haldia port for regional and global markets. Connectivity through improved transport has important implications for poverty reduction by offering new economic opportunities through better market linkages and increased employment possibilities. The Project is relevant to achieving results of the Country Strategy and Program (2009-2012), supporting regional cooperation and more port and intermodal connectivity; as well as the draft Regional Cooperation Strategy and Programs (2011-2015), improving South Asia subregional connectivity and facilitating intraregional trade in South Asia. The Project is included in the draft Country Operation Business Plan (2012-2014).

DEVELOPMENT IMPACT

Improved the north-south connectivity of the state road network, including connection with the Haldia Port

PROJECT OUTCOME

Description of Outcome	Progress Towards Outcome
Efficient, reliable and safe road transport in West Bengal	–

OUTPUTS AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Description of Project Outputs	Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)
1. Widened state roads 2. Improved capacities for overloading control 3. Improved capacity for road development and maintenance	–

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Date of First Listing	12 Dec 2011
Consulting Services	International consulting firms and/or national consultants will be recruited for construction consultant supervision in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2007, as amended from time to time). Advance contracting will be undertaken to enhance project readiness.
Procurement	Procurement to be financed from the ADB loan will be undertaken in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2007, as amended from time to time). Advance contracting is proposed to ensure the project readiness. Contract packaging will be firmed up during project processing.
Procurement and Consulting Notices	http://www.adb.org/projects/45265-001/business-opportunities

TIMETABLE

Concept Clearance	09 Dec 2011
Fact-finding	07 Nov 2013 to 11 Nov 2013
Management Review Meeting	03 Mar 2014

Approval	–
Last Review Mission	–

MILESTONES

Approval No.	Approval	Signing	Effectivity	Closing		
				Original	Revised	Actual
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STATUS OF COVENANTS

Covenants are categorized under the following categories—audited accounts, safeguards, social, sector, financial, economic, and others. Covenant compliance is rated by category by applying the following criteria: (i) Satisfactory—all covenants in the category are being complied with, with a maximum of one exception allowed, (ii) Partly Satisfactory—a maximum of two covenants in the category are not being complied with, (iii) Unsatisfactory—three or more covenants in the category are not being complied with. As per the 2011 Public Communications Policy, covenant compliance ratings for Project Financial Statements apply only to projects whose invitation for negotiation falls after 2 April 2012.

Approval No.	Category						
	Sector	Social	Financial	Economic	Others	Safe	Project Financial Statements
Loan -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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LINKS

Project Website	http://www.adb.org/projects/45265-001/main
List of Project Documents	http://www.adb.org/projects/45265-001/documents