

**MONTHLY REPORT ON SMALL-SCALE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS**  
**NOT EXCEEDING \$100,000 PER PROJECT**  
**JULY 1995**

1. **Institutional Strengthening of the National Stock Exchange (NSE), India**

Executing Agency : National Stock Exchange  
TA Type : Advisory and Operational  
TA Amount (\$'000) : 99.855  
ADBBO Listing : Not listed  
Date Approved : 4 July 1995

**Project Description :**

The technical assistance focuses on providing (i) training in key areas: monitoring and surveillance, and systems management and security; and (ii) consulting services in setting up a management information system (MIS). It aims at enabling key staff of the NSE to improve their skills in dealing with critical operational areas, stay abreast of the latest technological developments and facilitate the operations of the exchange.

**Status of Consulting Services:** No action has yet been taken to recruit consultants.

2. **Private Sector Participation in Infrastructure Projects, Thailand**

Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance  
TA Type : Project Preparatory  
TA Amount (\$'000) : 100.0  
ADBBO Listing : June 1995  
Date Approved : 6 July 1995

**Project Description :**

The TA is designed to (i) review the current legal, financial, administrative and institutional framework affecting private sector participation (PSP) in infrastructure projects; (ii) identify necessary improvements to this framework; (iii) assess the training needs of Government staff who are directly involved in the process; and (iv) recommend a time-phased implementation plan for the second phase under the proposed TA loan.

**Status of Consulting Services:** Recruitment of consultants is underway.

3. **Marine Export Development, Kiribati**

Executing Agency : Fisheries Department  
Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Development  
TA Type : Advisory and Operational  
TA Amount (\$'000) : 100.0  
ADBBO Listing : July 1995  
Date Approved : 13 July 1995

**Project Description :**

The objectives of the technical assistance are: (i) to promote fisheries exports in order to generate sustainable sector growth and employment; (ii) to catalogue and inventory the marine export products in the country; and (ii) to prepare a comprehensive program for export promotion.

The TA will assess sector policies, institutions and resources (human, infrastructure and marine) as well as ongoing development activities and will prepare an Action Program to encompass institutional strengthening, private sector expansion, outer island development, subsistence fisheries and aquaculture.

**Status of Consulting Services:** No action has yet been taken to recruit consultants.

**4. Improvement of State Sales Tax Structure and Administration, India**

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Sales Tax Department, National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCTD)
<b>TA Type</b>	:	Advisory and Operational
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	99.5
<b>ADBBO Listing</b>	:	March 1995
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	14 July 1995

**Project Description :**

The objectives of the technical assistance are to: (i) assist the Government in furthering its fiscal consolidation program through improving resource mobilization at the State level; (ii) formulate and design new sales tax systems based on the broad recommendations of Delhi Tax Reform Committee (DTRC) which could serve as a role model for other States; and (iii) ensure smooth transition to planned VAT.

**Status of Consulting Services:** No action has yet been taken to recruit consultants.

**5. Support of Corporatization Plan Preparation for Fujian Province Electric Power Bureau, People's Republic of China**

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Fujian Province Electric Power Bureau (FPEPB)
<b>TA Type</b>	:	Advisory and Operational
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	70.0
<b>ADBBO Listing</b>	:	Not listed
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	18 July 1995

**Project Description :**

The objective of the technical assistance is to assist FPEPB in developing a plan for its corporatization and restructuring of the power subsector in Fujian Province. The TA will provide expert advice to FPEPB through (i) presentation on recent global trends in power subsector restructuring, including underlying needs for changes and objectives pursued, and issues/options related to power utility corporatization and power subsector restructuring in the PRC context; (ii) review of FPEPB's corporatization and power subsector restructuring plan and provision of advice for improvement; and (iii) preparation of an institutional strengthening program for FPEPB for the implementation of the corporatization and restructuring plan, including scope and terms of reference for a Bank technical assistance to support it.

**Status of Consulting Services:** Recruitment of consultants is underway.

6. Natural Gas Sales Negotiations, Philippines

**Executing Agency** : National Power Corporation (NPC)  
**TA Type** : Advisory and Operational  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 100.0  
**ADBBO Listing** : July 1995  
**Date Approved** : 20 July 1995

**Project Description :**

The objective of the technical assistance is to expedite the contract negotiations with the Shell/Occidental Petroleum consortium for supply of natural gas from the Malampaya/Camago gas field by providing a comprehensive independent assessment of its reserves and development plan. The scope of the TA would include (i) review and analysis of all available information on the Malampaya/Camago gas field; (ii) full reserve estimate (including a Monte Carlo simulation) of the gas field; and (iii) review and analysis of the preliminary development plan and cost estimates for actual development of the gas field.

**Status of Consulting Services:** Recruitment of individual consultants is underway.

7. Institutional Strengthening of Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Finance Corporation, India

**Executing Agency** : Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation (KUIDFC)  
**TA Type** : Advisory and Operational  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 100.0  
**ADBBO Listing** : May 1995  
**Date Approved** : 28 July 1995

**Project Description :**

The objective of the TA is to assist the KUIDFC in capacity building and providing training to enable this agency to efficiently and effectively execute urban development projects in Karnataka State, particularly those funded from foreign sources. The scope of the TA will amongst others include: (i) providing training to KUIDFC in all aspects of project management; (ii) assisting KUIDFC in setting up a comprehensive project monitoring system; and (iii) providing guidance and training to KUIDFC staff in the domestic and foreign consultant selection process.

**Status of Consulting Services:** No action has yet been taken to recruit consultants.

8. Regional Forum on Indigenous Peoples Policies for Development Assistance in Asia, Regional

**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Type** : Conference  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 100.0  
**ADBBO Listing** : Not listed  
**Date Approved** : 13 July 1995

**Project Description :**

The TA would provide support for a Regional Forum on Indigenous Peoples Policies for Development Assistance in Asia. The Regional Forum would provide an opportunity for representatives of indigenous peoples groups, government officials dealing with indigenous peoples affairs, and representatives of development institutions such as the Bank to open discussions on indigenous peoples' matters and express views and perceptions. Existing indigenous peoples' policies and practices would be reviewed in the Forum and experiences examined. A move toward identifying a consensus on indigenous peoples affairs would be taken, including the development of recommendations for new policies and frameworks.

**Status of Consulting Services:** No consultants required.

9. **11th Biennial General Meeting of the Association of Development Research and Training Institutes of Asia and the Pacific (ADIPA), Regional**

**Executing Agency :** Asian Development Bank  
**TA Type :** Conference  
**TA Amount (\$'000) :** 20.0  
**ADBBO Listing :** Not listed  
**Date Approved :** 14 July 1995

**Project Description :**

The TA will provide financial assistance for ADIPA to help meet the participation costs of the representatives from member countries of the Bank to the 11th Biennial General Meeting to be held in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia on 25-27 October 1995. Through its involvement in ADIPA, the Bank will maintain contact with research institutes from within and outside the region. Such contacts will ensure that the Bank is aware of the priorities and concerns of researchers in its member countries.

**Status of Consulting Services:** No consultants required.

10. **Improving the South Pacific Economic and Social Database (SPESD), Regional**

**Executing Agency :** National Centre for Development Studies (NCDS)  
 Australian National University  
**TA Type :** Research  
**TA Amount (\$'000) :** 50.0  
**ADBBO Listing :** April 1995  
**Date Approved :** 21 July 1995

**Project Description :**

The objective of the RETA is to provide support for the continued improvement and maintenance of SPESD. The planned improvements include (i) the streamlining of data collection procedures to improve response rates and timeliness; (ii) development of country background profiles

to complement the country data files; (iii) implementation of SPESD on the EXCEL spreadsheet software package (in addition to LOTUS); and (iv) placement of the system on the INTERNET. The last two of these activities, which are scheduled for implementation in 1996, should lead to increased subscription and worldwide access to SPESD.

**Status of Consulting Services:** No consultants required.