

6. EXTERNALLY AIDED PROJECTS

Asian Development Bank (ADB) Assisted Projects

North Eastern State Roads Project (NESRP)

- 6.1 The project objective is to upgrade 1300 Kilometers of priority roads, 5500 meters of bridges and construction of 4700 meters of causeway Irish crossings in the eight North Eastern States so as to facilitate regional integration and trade flows. The project also seeks to focus on capacity building of State Implementing Agencies in the areas of road management, road safety, environment & social assessment and an effective and efficient management of road assets.
- 6.2 The total estimated project cost of the project is US\$ 428 million of which ADB proposed to finance up to US\$ 300 million and GOI is required to finance the balance US\$ 128 million. A feasibility study carried out under a Project Preparatory Technical Assistance (PPTA) for the project identified 1073 km of key State road sections for improvement and developed implementation arrangements for the road improvement and the capacity building support. An additional road sections totaling about 100 km are to be identified later during the course of the project implementation. The project is to be implemented in three phases.

ADB ASSISTED NORTH EASTERN URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT NEUDP-PHASE I & II)

- 6.3 The NEUDP seeks to improve urban infrastructure in nine cities in the NER in two phases. The estimated cost of Phase-I of the N.E. Urban Development Project is \$350 million. To avoid duplication in the

implementation of the project and JNNURM, this project has been transferred to the Ministry of Urban development.

NE STATES TRADE INVESTMENT CREATION INITIATIVE PROJECT

- 6.4 The Project seeks to develop a trade and investment framework that will enable the Region to position itself better in global and regional markets and to reap gains from specialization, agglomeration of economies and globalization.

WORLD BANK ASSISTED PROJECTS

NORTH EASTERN REGION LIVELIHOOD PROJECTS (NERLP)

- 6.5 The Project is based on the IFAD assisted NER Community Resource Management Project (NERCRMP) which is being successfully implemented since 1998 in two districts each of Meghalaya, Manipur and Assam. DONER moved a proposal for Project Preparation Facility to the World Bank for development of the project and investment framework by the Consultants. World Bank has accepted the proposal.

STUDY ON WATER, NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- 6.6 The objective of the World Bank Study is to develop a vision for the development and management of water and related natural resource/environmental issues in the Northeast for sustainable and equitable growth. The framework for investment proposals is to be worked out through stakeholder's workshop.