



## India: Second Rural Connectivity Investment Program

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Project Number	48226-002								
Country	India								
Project Status	Proposed								
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan Technical Assistance								
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>MFF Facility Concept: Second Rural Connectivity Investment Program</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ordinary capital resources</td> <td>US\$ 500.00 million</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>TA: Second Rural Connectivity Investment Program</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 500,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	<b>MFF Facility Concept: Second Rural Connectivity Investment Program</b>		Ordinary capital resources	US\$ 500.00 million	<b>TA: Second Rural Connectivity Investment Program</b>		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 500,000.00
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth								
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Private sector development								
Sector / Subsector	<b>Transport</b> - Road transport (non-urban)								
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements								
Description	The proposed investment program will connect around 2,800 habitations in the states of Assam, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and West Bengal by constructing to all-weather standard about 6,000 kilometers of rural roads. The investment program will also focus on improving institutional arrangements, business processes, and associated capacity building, particularly on road asset management and road safety.								
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	India's road network mainly consists of three categories: (i) about 60,000 kilometers of national highways, (ii) about 600,000 km of the secondary system including the state highways and major district roads, and (iii) about 2.7 million km of tertiary roads, which are mainly the rural roads. The rural roads, representing about 80% of the network and carrying about 20% of traffic, link rural communities with the national, state, and major district roads. Long term underinvestment has affected all levels of the road network, and the rural road network is in the worst condition among the three categories. In rural areas, many villages still rely on earthen tracks, which are unsuitable for motorized traffic and can easily become impassable during the rainy season. Absence of all-weather road connectivity makes rural communities inaccessible for up to 90 days a year. Poor road infrastructure affects economic growth in rural areas, agricultural productivity, and employment, and has a strong link to poverty. The government of India is addressing this problem through a nationwide rural road investment program- the Prime Minister's Rural Roads Program (PMGSY) -aimed at providing all-weather road connectivity to currently unconnected eligible habitations in India's rural areas. The PMGSY started in 2000 and is currently in its 14th year of implementation.								
Impact	Improved socioeconomic conditions in the communities served by PMGSY roads.								
Outcome	Improved connectivity of rural communities in the participating states to markets, district headquarters, and other centers of economic activities.								
Outputs	Upgraded rural roads in Assam, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, and West Bengal. Enhanced capacity of PMGSY implementation agencies and systems.								
Geographical Location									

### Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	The environmental and social systems assessment will be conducted. The assessment seeks to determine the degree to which the RBL program systems manage and mitigate the environmental and social impacts. To the extent possible, summarize the results of safeguard screening, including the Safeguard Policy Statement (2009) policy principles that will be applied to the RBL program. State whether an RBL program safeguard systems assessment against the applicable principles is under preparation, will be conducted, or not required in accordance with the RBL staff guidance.
Involuntary Resettlement	A community participation framework will be prepared to outline the voluntary land donation system adopted for the investment program. The executing agency will ensure (i) full consultation with landowners and any non-titled affected people on site selection; (ii) that voluntary donation does not severely affect the living standards of the affected persons, and is linked directly to benefits under the poverty alleviation schemes of the state government and the Government of India; (iii) that any voluntary donation is confirmed through verbal and written record and verified by an independent party or legal authority; and (iv) that an adequate grievance mechanism is in place.
Indigenous Peoples	The investment program does not envisage any differential impact on the scheduled tribe population compared with non-scheduled tribes; all people will benefit equally from the project. Within the CPF, a mitigation measures matrix will detail the actions that will address categories of impacts that may be caused by the investment program.

### Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	Potential beneficiaries are rural community residents, including farmers, women, and poor households; commercial service providers, transport providers, government workers such as health workers, teachers, and agriculture extension workers. Their opinion and suggestions related to the investment program will be ascertained during community consultation.
During Project Implementation	During the preparation stage, discussions, interviews, and small group meetings will be conducted within the project-affected communities to ascertain their response to the investment program, their needs and demands, estimates of losses from their properties, and steps to mitigate them. Interviews and group meetings will be held in groups comprising men, women, farmers, scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, and other marginalized classes to obtain a comprehensive perspective of the investment program in all the five states. A Community Participation Framework will be prepared for each state. It will be included in the DMF that 100% of affected communities will be consulted in the design process. Each project road will have a Community Participation Plan.

### Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	In total the PPTA will require 39 person-months of consulting services (9 international and 30 national). ADB has engaged all individual consultants in accordance with its Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). Disbursement under the TA will be carried out in accordance with ADB's Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time). The PPTA is in progress.
Procurement	Procurement of equipment will follow ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time). The equipment will be handed over to the government upon TA completion.

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**Timetable**

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