



Conference on

Accelerating the Development of Highways in India

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Road & Highways Sector: Overview

Road infrastructure is of prime importance for the growth of the economy, since around 60% of freight and 85% of passenger traffic moves by road in India. The National Highways only constitute around 1.7% of the road network, but carry 40% of the total road traffic. Yet only 24% of the country's national highways are four-lane and meet the required standards. The last five years have been particularly rough for development of highways in the country and physical achievement has fallen short of its intended targets, and is dropping with time. In 2009-10, the National Highways Authority of India was able to build highways at an average of 13.72 kms per day. This dropped further to an average of 10.39 kms per day in 2011-12, against the much higher and seemingly formidable target of 20 kms a day.

Government has taken various initiatives to boost development of infrastructure in the country. These include setting infrastructure targets for various sectors, putting in place an institutional mechanism to monitor the progress of PPP projects at the Central & State levels and facilitating land transfer between government agencies for PPP projects. A large number of BOT and Annuity concessions have been awarded for construction and operation of national highways.





About Conference

With a view to discuss the issues relating to policy & regulatory framework, clearances, delay in compliance of conditions precedents, delay in implementation of road & highways projects, funding issues, and other significant areas, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) is organizing a conference on 'Accelerating the Development of Highways in India' on 17 January 2013 at FICCI, Federation House, Tansen Marg, New Delhi.

The conference aims to deliberate upon the procedural constraints adversely impacting the ability to implement highway projects and the time-bound execution of PPP projects. It would also provide a platform to bring forth stakeholders' views on the policy framework, issues/challenges and put forward suitable measures to accelerate the pace of highways development through interactive business sessions, case studies, presentations and panel discussion.

Focal Objectives

- ❖ To enhance policy and regulatory framework for the road & highways sector
- ❖ To focus on the factors leading to time and cost overruns of highway projects
- ❖ To discuss the underlying issues relating to financing, clearances, disputes/ delays, dispute resolution, etc
- ❖ To deliberate upon measures required for bridging the investment gap and achieving the targets set for highways development
- ❖ To provide a platform to elicit stakeholders' views/suggestions for accelerating the development of highways





Target Audience

- ❖ Policy Makers
- ❖ Intergovernmental Agencies
- ❖ Roads & Highways Developers
- ❖ Construction Companies/ EPC Contractors
- ❖ Engineering Companies
- ❖ Government & Public Sector Undertakings
- ❖ Public Works Departments (Centre/ State Governments)
- ❖ Consultants (Environmental/ Engineering/ Project Management)
- ❖ Construction Equipment Manufacturers/ Suppliers
- ❖ Asset & Fund Management Companies
- ❖ Private Equity (PE) Investors
- ❖ Private Investors (Domestic/ International)
- ❖ Financial Institutions and Banks
- ❖ Multilateral Agencies
- ❖ Investment & Merchant Bankers
- ❖ Project Executing Agencies at National/ State Level
- ❖ IT Solution Providers
- ❖ Toll Plaza/ Booth Operators
- ❖ Logistics/ Supply Chain Companies
- ❖ Academic & Research Bodies
- ❖ Trade Publications/ Media (Domestic/ International)

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