



Project Summary Information

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Project Name	Assam Secondary Road Network Improvement Project
Project Number	P000440
AIIB member	Republic of India
Sector/Subsector	Transport/Road
Status of Financing	Approved
Project Description	The Project aims to upgrade and improve the State Highways (SH) and Major District Roads (MDR) (around 1000 km) in Assam, with enhanced climate adaptation and road safety measures. It will also help build the institutional capacity of the Public Works Roads Department (PWRD). The project has three components: A. This component comprises two subcomponents: 1) upgrading about 250 km of state highways (SH) and major district roads (MDR); and 2) retrofitting road safety engineering measures in about 750 km of SH and MDR. B. Modernization of PWRD's Asset Management System and Computerization. C. Project Management Support and Institutional Capacity Building.
Objective	The project objective is to improve the connectivity, safety and climate resilience of the secondary road network in project districts of Assam and enhance the institutional capacity of the state's Public Works Roads Department (PWRD).
Expected Results	(i) Population benefitted with improved, safe and climate resilient road connectivity (number of people and female) (ii) Travel time reduction on project corridors(percentage) (iii) Secondary roads conforming to the prescribed road safety standards by Indian Roads Congress (km) (iv) Use of cloud-based technology and automated processes in PWRDs Asset Management System for departmental operations (yes/no) (v) Secondary roads conforming to climate resilient and green designs. (km) (vi) 75 percent of women surveyed among communities are satisfied with the improvement of project roads (percentage)
Environmental and Social Category	Category A

Environmental and Social Information	AIIB's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP), including the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs) and the Environmental and Social Exclusion List (ESEL), applies to this Project. ESS 1 (Environmental and Social Assessment and Management) and ESS 2 (Involuntary Resettlement) are applicable, as the road widening and construction activities will have environmental and social impacts, and temporary and permanent land acquisition. The project is expected to impact Tribal households and therefore ESS 3 (Indigenous Peoples) is also applicable. The Project has been assigned Category "A", in accordance with the ESP, because of the physical and economic displacement of people and impact on vulnerable groups including tribal households. The PWRD has prepared Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) (including Environmental and Social Management Plans [ESMPs]) and Social Impact Assessments (SIAs)/Resettlement Plans (RPs) for all road packages. In addition, an Environmental and Social Management Planning Framework (ESMPF) has been prepared to address the impacts of activities under Component A.2, retrofitting road safety in about 750 km of SH and MDR. The ESMPF for the Project, EIAs and SIAs prepared for all subprojects both in English and local language (Assamese) have been disclosed at the PWRD website and AIIB website and hard copies made available at the respective division field office. Further public and meaningful consultation will be carried out during project implementation. A Resettlement Planning Framework (RPF) and an Indigenous Peoples Planning Framework have also been prepared and disclosed. Based on the initial findings of the EIAs, the negative environmental impacts were found to be typical of road construction projects and are expected to be temporary and reversible, occurring mostly during the construction period: air pollution, noise and vibration, loss of vegetation, soil erosion, tree cutting, surface water and groundwater pollution, temporary disruption of traffic, impacts on borrow areas, temporary disruption of public utilities such as water, irrigation and electricity, occupational safety particularly during bridge construction, and disposal of construction wastes. Impacts on biodiversity have been screened for each road subproject. Measures to manage impacts of biodiversity are included in the ESMP of each road subproject, as required. Major project E&S impacts during the operation phase of the Project include noise and vibration, dust emission, public health impacts associated with dust and noise emissions, and biodiversity impacts, which will also be properly mitigated by the implementation of prepared ESMP for each subproject. In addition, a semi-annual monitoring report on the implementation of ESMPs and the ESMPF will be prepared and a summary of this semi-annual monitoring reports in local language (Assamese) at least be prepared and disclosed on the website of PMU. The upgrade of the secondary road network for the proposed alignments, and road safety improvement activities will require additional land. The land acquisition is expected to affect agricultural land, residential structures, businesses, community properties and informal settlers. Other potential temporary social impacts, such as disruptions to commercial activities and livelihoods, traffic and public utilities interruption, and access restrictions due to construction activities will be mitigated through the provisions outlined in the entitlement matrix included in the RPF and RPs and by carrying out meaningful consultation.
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	Adverse impacts related to labor influx will be addressed using the labor code of conduct included with the bidding documents. Project related activities are also likely to impact upon Scheduled tribes. Indigenous Peoples Plans have been prepared to mitigate the adverse impacts on the Scheduled Tribes. A Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) at the project level in accordance with the requirements of the ESP has been established and disseminated to local communities and contracted project workers and in particular to the vulnerable people in a timely and appropriate manner. Communities and individuals including project workers who believe that they are adversely affected by the Project may submit complaints to an established two tier GRM (field level and state level) for their resolution. Information disclosure of the GRM at the project level and the Project-Affected People's Mechanism (PPM) of AIIB has been done thru public notification in local language (Assamese). Project-specific Grievance Redress Committees are established at the PMU (state level) and district level. As of April 29, 2025, 169 grievances have been received, 88 have been resolved, and 81 are being handled. The unresolved grievances have been reduced to 65. The unresolved cases of GRM mainly involve adding missing title holders' names to the compensation list and issues with structure valuations. The District Level Land Purchase Committee (DLLPC) is considering these petitions and revising the lists accordingly. The following is the link to the disclosed documents: https://www.aiib.org/en/projects/details/2020/approved/India-Assam-Secondary-Road-Network-Improvement-Project.html			
Cost and Financing Plan	Item	Project Cost (USD m)	Financing (USD m and %)	
			AIIB	Govt of Assam
	Component A: Improvement of road connectivity, climate resilience and safety	462.1	291.1 (63%)	171 (37%)
	Component B: Modernization of PWRD's system and computerization	6.4	6.4 (100%)	-
	Component C: Project management support and institutional capacity building	21.7	21.7 (100%)	-
	Front-end Fee	0.8	0.8 (100%)	-
	Total	491	320 (65%)	171 (35%)
Borrower	Government of India			
Estimated date of loan closing	December/2027			
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Date of Financing Approval	June 29, 2022		

Independent Accountability Mechanism	AIIB's Policy on the Project-affected Peoples Mechanism (PPM) applies to this Project. The PPM has been established by AIIB to provide an opportunity for an independent and impartial review of submissions from Project-affected people who believe they have been or are likely to be adversely affected by AIIB's failure to implement the ESP in situations when their concerns cannot be addressed satisfactorily through the Project-level GRM or the processes of AIIB's Management. Information on AIIB's PPM is available at: https://www.aiib.org/en/policies-strategies/operational-policies/policy-on-the-project-affected-mechanism.html
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