

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Sub: Karnataka State Highways Improvement Project –Implementation of the recommendations of Institutional Development Strategy (IDS) Study for Public Works Department.

- Ref: (i) Government Order No. PWD 21 CRM 96, dated 1-7-99.
(ii) Government Order No. PWD 80 EAP 2000, dated 3-7-2000.
(iii) Government Order No. PWD 79 EAP 2000, dated 4-7-2000.

Preamble:

The Karnataka State Highways Improvement Project (KSHIP) is an initiative by Public Works Department of the Government of Karnataka under the proposed World Bank Loan to undertake improvement of 2268.50 Kms of roads consisting of State Highways and Major District Roads.

The World Bank have extended Technical Assistance loan of 3.9 million for Project Preparation and Institutional Development Strategy (IDS) Study through the Department of Economic Affairs of Ministry of Finance, Government of India for taking up the Project Co-ordinating Consultancy (PCC) Services to investigate and prepare detail project report and to carryout Institutional Development Strategy (IDS) Study.

The preparation is being carried out under two phases, Phase – I and Phase – II. The PCC Consultants have carried out survey and investigation comprising detail engineering, Socio-economic Survey and environmental aspects on selected road links and submitted final report of Phase - I. The preparation of detail engineering for Phase – II is under progress

As per agreement with the Bank the PWD has to undertake IDS study as integral part of the project preparation. The objective of the IDS study is to develop an Institutional Development Action Plan to improve the technical and financing capacity of the State Road Agencies for effective and efficient management of the Karnataka Road transport network and related infrastructure and also meet the transport demands of its users

In the order cited under reference (i) the Government have accorded approval to carryout IDS study under fixed budget of US \$ 4.00 lakhs.

Based on the guidelines of the Bank, the consultant firm M/s. Booz Allen & Hamilton Inc. was selected to carryout IDS study for PWD and contract agreement was signed on 15th May 2000 and the duration of the study was 4 months. In the order cited under reference (ii) & (iii) the Government constituted (i) a Steering Committee under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Public Works with Ministers and Secretaries of Finance, Transport, Home, PWD etc. as members to oversee the institution review of the project and (ii) an Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Public Works & Housing with Secretaries of Finance Department, Transport, Planning, PWD, Chief Engineer, National Highways, Chief Engineer, C & B, etc. as members to manage the project and to guide the consultants to carryout their study

The IDS Consultants had carried out study, organised workshops and held progressive consultation with the stake holders and road users and submitted a Inception Report, Audit Report and draft Final Report as part of their study.

The recommendations of the draft final report were reviewed by the Advisory Committee on 17th November 2000 and the review comments were communicated to IDS Consultants. The IDS Consultants submitted Final Report incorporating the review comments on 28th November 2000.

The broad recommendations of IDS Study are as follows:

- i) Creation of State Highway Authority under and separation of Buildings and Road Functions of PWD into Building Department & Highway Department respectively.
- ii) Formation of Road Users Board.
- iii) Establishment of Road Development Planning Unit.
- iv) Establishment of an Institute of Public Works.
- v) Creation of an Empowered Information System etc.,

The project has been appraised by the World Bank during January 2001 and will be followed by loan negotiations during April 2001 and submission to World Bank Board for loan sanction by June 2001.

The Government have examined the IDS Study recommendations in detail and found that the broad recommendations covers various points/issues pertaining to other departments including Finance Department, Transport Department, Department of Personnel Administration and Reforms, etc. It was decided that for the present IDS recommendations relating to PWD may be taken up for implementation and recommendations /issues involving other departments may be dealt/taken up separately.

Hence the following Order

Government Order No. PWD 130 EAP 2001, dated 15th March 2001

Government after carefully examining the proposal is pleased to approve

- 1) Creation of Karnataka State Highway Authority (KSHA).
- 2) Setting up of a Road Users Board.
- 3) Separation of Buildings and Road Wings of PWD.
- 4) To Study the desirability and modality of setting up of a road fund for Highway Department.
- 5) To set up I.T. Cell in the proposed Highway Department.
- 6) To set up an Institute dealing with highway engineering, design, applied research, management and safety subjects.

Further, necessary relevant orders/notifications will be issued to give effect to above decisions

This is issued with the concurrence of the Finance Department and Department of Personnel Administration & Reforms (DPAR) vide their Note No. PWD 1056 FC-1/2000 dated 23-12-2000 and ಸ.ಅ.ಸು.ಇ. 18 ಸೇವೆ 2001 dated 9-01-2001 respectively.

By Order and in the Name of the
Governor of Karnataka


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