



# India: Maharashtra Rural Connectivity Improvement Project

Project Name	Maharashtra Rural Connectivity Improvement Project				
Project Number	52328-001				
Country	India				
Project Status	Proposed				
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan				
Source of Funding / Amount	<table><tr><td>Loan: Maharashtra Rural Connectivity Improvement Project</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Ordinary capital resources</td><td>US\$ 200.00 million</td></tr></table>	Loan: Maharashtra Rural Connectivity Improvement Project		Ordinary capital resources	US\$ 200.00 million
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth				
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Private sector development				
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Rural market infrastructure				
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming				
Description	<p>The project is aligned with the government's Vision 2030, and the Asian Development Bank's (ADB's) (i) Strategy 2030 operational priority on promoting rural development and food security, and (ii) country partnership strategy for India, 2018 2022, pillar 2 on inclusive provision of infrastructure network and services. The project will improve about 2,700 km of rural roads to all-weather standards. This improvement will support rural populations across 34 districts and help bolster the agriculture sector. The project will also support the government's agricultural strategy for increasing agricultural productivity by (i) encouraging commercial agriculture and agribusiness development, (ii) increasing employment opportunities for rural poor people, and (iii) reducing the state's poverty incidence. Development of the rural road network is one critical initiative aimed at achieving the state's agriculture growth target of 5% per year. Other major initiatives include doubling farmers' income, implementing the climate resilient agriculture project funded by the World Bank, and increasing agricultural market access. The project is included in the country operations business plan, 2019 2021 for India.</p>				
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>Maharashtra is the second largest state of India in terms of population (estimated at 116 million in 2018) and third largest inland mass (308,000 square kilometers [km<sup>2</sup>]). Maharashtra is also the most industrialized state, contributing 14.8% of India's total gross domestic product (GDP) in 2016 2017. The rate of economic growth has been above the national average since 2005. Between 2012 2017, Maharashtra's GDP grew at an average of 7.4% per year, compared to the national average of 6.8% during the same period. Economic growth over the past 5 years is primarily driven by the industrial and service sectors, at an average of 6.1% and 8.8% annual growth rates, respectively. Notwithstanding this, approximately 20 million people still live below the national poverty line of less than \$1.90 per day. Although the state's rural poverty rate is marginally better than the national average (24% compared to 27%), poverty rates are recorded as high as 40% in some districts.</p>				
Impact	Quality, reliable, sustainable, affordable and safe roads that provide equitable access for all in Maharashtra developed				
Outcome	Transport efficiency and road safety in target areas increased				
Outputs	Rural road conditions between selected rural communities, productive agricultural areas, and socioeconomic centers improved and maintained Capacity of rural infrastructure agency and road users in project areas enhanced				
Geographical Location	Maharashtra				
Safeguard Categories					
Environment	B				
Involuntary Resettlement	C				
Indigenous Peoples	C				
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects					
Environmental Aspects					
Involuntary Resettlement					
Indigenous Peoples					
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation					
During Project Design					
During Project Implementation					
Business Opportunities					
Consulting Services	All consultants will be recruited according to Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers: Goods, Works, Nonconsulting and Consulting Services (2017, as amended from time to time).				
Procurement	Procurement will be in accordance with the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and the Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time).				

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Responsible ADB Division	Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, SARD
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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	06 Feb 2019
Fact Finding	07 Feb 2019 to 15 Feb 2019
MRM	30 Apr 2019
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	07 Feb 2019

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