



India: Support for Strengthening Multimodal and Integrated Logistics Ecosystem

Project Name	Support for Strengthening Multimodal and Integrated Logistics Ecosystem				
Project Number	55154-002				
Country	India				
Project Status	Approved				
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance				
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>TA 6822-IND: Support for Strengthening Multimodal and Integrated Logistics Ecosystem</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 1.00 million</td> </tr> </table>	TA 6822-IND: Support for Strengthening Multimodal and Integrated Logistics Ecosystem		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.00 million
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Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration				
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development				
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Multimodal logistics				
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements				
Description	<p>The Strengthening Multimodal and Integrated Logistics Ecosystem (SMILE) program is a programmatic policy-based loan (PBL) to support the government undertake wide-ranging reforms in the logistics sector in India. The program aims to strengthen the institutional and policy framework for interministerial coordination and planning for incentivizing private sector participation in multimodal logistics projects, improve efficiencies in external trade logistics, and encourage the use of smart and automated systems for improved service delivery. The government has requested a regular loan of \$500 million from ADB's ordinary capital resources to help finance the program. The proposed programmatic PBL modality with two subprograms of \$250 million each, in FY2022 and FY2024, respectively, supported by the attached transaction TA, is appropriate because the (i) program will support crucial structural reforms to strengthen institutions, coordination, and processes; (ii) structural reforms need proper sequencing to ensure sustainability; and (iii) government has shown strong commitment to reforms.</p> <p>This lending proposal was not included in ADB. 2020. Country Operations Business Plan: India, 2021-2023. Manila. The government requested ADB's financial assistance in a letter of 12 March 2021 as an addition to the plan. The South Asia Department confirmed that such financial assistance can be accommodated in the 2021 resource envelope.</p>				
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The proposed transaction TA is being processed at the request of the Government of India to meet key capacity building needs, strengthen sector institutions, and conduct studies to further deepen reforms and develop policy framework. The TA will support the implementing agencies in achieving the policy actions under subprogram 2 of the ensuing SMILE program. The TA will thus provide capacity building support to foster coordination among the different tiers of government and among the various institutions. The TA will also extend support to diagnose emerging challenges in the sector and identify policy initiatives. The TA activities will build on and/or carryforward activities commenced under earlier initiatives and replicate some successful interventions particularly in logistic planning and technology use for improving efficiency.</p>				
Impact					
Project Outcome					
Description of Outcome					
Progress Toward Outcome					
Implementation Progress					
Description of Project Outputs					
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)					
Geographical Location	Nation-wide, Delhi				
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 ADB will engage the consultants following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions.

Procurement Procurement, advance contracting, and retroactive financing are not expected.

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Responsible ADB Department	South Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Public Management, Financial Sector and Trade Division, SARD
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Commerce and Industry Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi 110011, India

Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	10 Nov 2021
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	10 Nov 2021

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	-	0.00

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