India: BTS INDIA PRIVATE EQUITY FUND

Project Name	BTS INDIA PRIVATE EQUITY FUND	
Project Number	39922-014	
Borrower/Company	BTS INDIA PRIVATE EQUITY FUND	
Country	India	
Location		
Approval Number	7223	
Type of ADB Assistance / Amount	7223 Other	USD 15.00 million Approved
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Private sector development	
Sector / Subsector	Finance - Infrastructure finance and investment funds	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming		
Responsible ADB Department	Private Sector Operations Department	
Responsible ADB Division	Capital Markets and Financial Sectors Division	
Responsible ADB Officer	Brett, S. Jane	
Project Sponsor(s)		
Description	BTS India Private Equity Fund (the Fund) was launched on June 2006. It provided expansion financing to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in India.	
Objectives and Scope	The primary objective of the Fund is to catalyze foreign and domestic investment into long-term equity finance for Indian SMEs. There exists a gap in the long-term equity finance for SMEs in India because foreign direct investment is targeted directly at local subsidiaries of multinational corporations, while other equity investors focuse on short-term investments in publicly listed companies. ADB serves a catalytic role in attracting long term investment to India by this intervention.	
Status of Development Objectives	The Fund intends to (i) mobilize long-term capital in the form of private equity for SMEs in India to finance expansion and productivity improvement; (ii) diversify the sources of finance available for SMEs; (iii) provide management advice to SMEs; (iv) create sustainable employment in India through the Fund's investee companies; (v) stimulate private sector development to serve as vehicle for the country's long-term economic growth and stability; and (vi) contribute to the development of a well functioning regulatory and legal environment in India.	
Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	ADB's country strategy and program (CSP) 2003 2006 for India states that the private sector has a leading role to play in achieving growth targets. ADB's strategy focuses on promoting an enabling environment for private sector development through (i) financial sector interventions to improve financial intermediation and resource mobilization; (ii) policy reforms to remove impediments to private investment, both domestic and foreign; (iii) investment in public infrastructure, which would also facilitate private investment; (iv) public-private partnerships; and (v) investments in private sector projects. ADB's investment in this project will directly contribute to resource mobilization and improved financial intermediation and investment in private sector projects.	
Safeguard Categories		
Environment		FI
Involuntary Resettlement		С
Indigenous Peoples		C
Summary of Environmental	and Social Aspects	

Environmental Aspects

The Fund's investee companies complies with national environmental laws, regulations, and ADB's environmental and social safeguard policies; or agree to adopt a program to comply with such standards.

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

Timetable for assistance design, processing and implementation		
Concept Clearance	02 Aug 2005	
Due Diligence	18 Jul 2005	
Credit Committee Meeting	25 Oct 2005 to 25 Oct 2005	
Approval	23 Nov 2005	
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