

 Early Warning System

AIIB-000723

India: Manipur Urban Road, Drainage and Asset Management
Improvement Project



Quick Facts

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| Countries | India |
| Financial Institutions | Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) |
| Status | Proposed |
| Bank Risk Rating | B |
| Borrower | Republic of India |
| Sectors | Infrastructure, Transport |
| Investment Type(s) | Loan |
| Investment Amount (USD) | \$ 352.40 million |
| Loan Amount (USD) | \$ 352.40 million |
| Project Cost (USD) | \$ 440.50 million |



Project Description

According to AIIB, the objective of the project is to improve the connectivity, safety, and sustainability of the urban and sub-urban road and drainage networks in Greater Imphal, and to enhance the road asset management capacity of Manipur's Public Works Department. The proposed Project will support the rehabilitation, the upgrade (without capacity expansion), and the maintenance of 521 km-long secondary road infrastructure, bridges, and culverts in Greater Imphal. The civil works will consist of the reconstruction of existing asphalt-paved roads into rigid concrete roads, including road safety improvement, pedestrian walkway, street lighting and utility ducts. To address frequent drainage issues that affect the living conditions of local residents, continuous lined storm water drains and local side drains will be provided. The proposed Project will strengthen PWD's capacity to manage Manipur road asset and ensure the sustainability of the infrastructure network through enhanced human and financial maintenance resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL INFORMATION

Applicable Policy.

AIIB's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP), including the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs) and the Environmental and Social Exclusion List, apply to the Project. Initial environmental and social (E&S) due diligence has determined that ESS 1 (E&S assessment and management) applies to the assessment of E&S impacts of project activities. ESS 2 (involuntary resettlement) also applies as road improvement, and a limited amount of widening is expected to generate economic displacement and potentially limited physical displacement of title and non-titleholders. More than a third of the population of Manipur state is categorized as Scheduled Tribes, and they are present in Imphal city and are likely to be impacted by the Project; therefore, ESS 3 (Indigenous Peoples) is applicable. The Project has been assigned Category B as the nature of E&S impacts are limited, localized and reversible and can be managed or mitigated using good practice in an operational setting.

Environmental and Social Instruments.

The main impacts will likely involve temporary economic displacement linked to the rehabilitation of the existing roads and a limited amount of land acquisition through the direct purchase of private land on a willing seller-willing buyer basis. A Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) is being prepared outlining the principles, processes and entitlements, and livelihood restoration measures to guide the preparation of the Resettlement Plan (RP). Scheduled tribes are likely to be adversely impacted as a result of civil works and land acquisition. Moreover, to enhance the Project's benefits for vulnerable groups, including Scheduled Tribes, culturally appropriate meaningful stakeholder engagement and targeted small-scale community-level interventions are being planned and implemented. An Indigenous Peoples Planning Framework (IPPF) inclusive of small-scale community interventions is being developed to guide the preparation of the Indigenous Peoples Plan (IPP). Moreover, the client is preparing an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (EISA) to gauge the scope and severity of impacts based on which mitigation measures, such as the RP and IPP, will be prepared in accordance with AIIB's ESP and ESSs.

Environment.

This project will rehabilitate and upgrade 521.55 Km of project length comprising of State highways, Major District Road, other district Roads and Internal Village Road/Local Street connectivity in the vicinity of Greater Imphal region to improve connectivity and access to basic services and livelihood opportunities. The physical works will involve upgrading of selected roads to improve as rigid pavement with provision of lined drain. The impacts of these activities on the environment are limited to the immediate vicinity of the road alignment. Since these are existing roads, no significant impacts on biodiversity are expected. These observations have been verified during the site visit carried out by the team of the Bank. The DPR consultant is leading environmental surveys including ambient air quality monitoring, noise monitoring, ground water testing, surface water testing, soil quality testing, micro meteorological monitoring, air pollution modelling, noise quality modelling, avenue trees survey (5345 trees surveyed).



Investment Description

- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Project cost: USD440.5 million

Project Financing Plan:

AIIB loan: USD352.40 million

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ACCESS TO INFORMATION

You can submit an information request for project information at: <https://www.aiib.org/en/contact/information-request/index.html>

ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF AIIB

The AIIB has established the Accountability Mechanism for Project-Affected People (PPM). The PPM provides 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 Project level GRMs or AIIB Management processes. Two or more project-affected people can file a complaint. Under the current AIIB policy, when the bank co-finances a project with another development bank, it may apply the other bank's standards. You can refer to the Project Summary Information document to find out which standards apply. You can learn more about the PPM and how to file a complaint at: <https://www.aiib.org/en/about-aiib/who-we-are/project-affected-peoples-mechanism/how-we-assist-you/index.html>

The complaint submission form can be accessed in Arabic, Bahasa Indonesia, Bengali, Chinese, English, Tagalog, Hindi, Nepali, Russian, Turkish, or Urdu. The submission form can be found at: <https://www.aiib.org/en/about-aiib/who-we-are/project-affected-peoples-mechanism/submission/index.html>



Bank Documents

- [Project Summary \(April 20, 2023\)](#) [\[Original Source\]](#)