

## **Project Summary for Public Disclosure**

Project Name	Bihar Rural Roads Project (Phase 2)
Country	The Republic of India
Type	Sovereign
Area of Operation	Transport Infrastructure
Concept Approval Date	31 March 2023
Financing Approval Date	28 November 2023
Total Project Cost	INR 90.38 billion
Initial Limit of NDB Financing	USD 638.12 million
Current Limit of NDB Financing	USD 638.12 million
Borrower	The Republic of India
Project Entity	The Government of Bihar ,
Project Context	<p>Bihar is a state in the eastern part of India. It is the third most populous state in the country with around 90% of its' population living in rural areas. Out of the total mapped road network in Bihar, 83% are rural roads that provide inter-village connectivity and act as a feeder network to roads of higher categories such as district road, state highway or national highway.</p> <p>Around 89% of the total rural habitations of Bihar have access to roads through various central and state level rural road development plans. To further increase access to road network, The Government of Bihar (GoB) has formulated the Mukhya Mantri Gram Sampark Yojana<sup>1</sup> (MMGSY)-Awsesh scheme, which constitutes the Project, to provide connectivity to identified habitations, with a population of more than 100 without direct access to the nearest road.</p>
Project Description	The Project will support construction of more than 8,000 km length of rural roads under the MMGSY-Awsesh. The Project will include innovative components to improve project and asset management as well as quality assurance systems in Bihar for the Rural Works Department (RWD), which operates the largest road network in state.
Project Objective	The Project aims to provide first-time road connectivity to more than 7,000 rural habitations, benefiting 2.25 million rural population. This road network coverage will increase to 95% of the total rural habitations in state.
Implementation Arrangements	The Project will be implemented in three phases and planned to be completed by the end of first quarter of 2031. The GoB through RWD

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<sup>1</sup> The Chief Minister Village Connectivity Scheme- Residual

	will be responsible for Project’s overall planning, execution and achievement of desired results. The project management unit function for the Project will be carried out by the RWD’s Bihar Rural Roads Development Agency. NDB loan will finance procurement of civil works, goods and services contracts for the Project, following procurement and contract management procedures as developed by RWD for national level and/or state-level programs, in compliance with the country system procurement laws and regulations, as well as with the core principles of NDB Procurement Policy.		
Environmental and Social Information	The Project has been categorized as Category B in accordance with the NDB Environment and Social Framework (ESF). The main environmental and social impacts include (i) land and habitat disturbance due to quarrying and procurement of construction materials, (ii) construction induced impacts such as dust, noise, vibration, and waste generation, (iii) occupational health and safety of workers, and (iv) disruption of traffic and public utilities during construction.  These impacts will be addressed and mitigated by adherence to country system requirements and management plans developed for the Project, including the Environmental and Social Management Framework and Environmental and Social Impact Management Plan, to ensure compliance with country systems and ESF.		
Financing	The Project will be financed through the loan from NDB and counterpart funds from GoB.		
	Source of Funds		Amount
	NDB		USD 638.12 million
	GoB		INR 38.27 billion
Contacts	NDB	Borrower	Project Entity
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