

Project Summary for Public Disclosure
(after approval of NDB financing)

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| Project Name | Assam Bridge-II Project |
| Country | The Republic of India |
| Type | Sovereign |
| Area of Operation | Transport Infrastructure |
| Concept Approval Date | August 09, 2022 |
| Financing Approval Date | March 30, 2024 |
| Total Project Cost | INR 33 billion |
| Initial Limit of NDB Financing | USD 333.80 million |
| Current Limit of NDB Financing | USD 333.80 million |
| Borrower | The Republic of India |
| Project Entity | The Government of Assam |
| Project Context | <p>The state of Assam spans across both sides of Brahmaputra river, splitting into the north and the south banks. Connectivity infrastructure across the riverbanks is inadequate in the entire State.</p> <p>Guwahati is the largest city in the State and the crossroad of regional and national highways connecting Assam and other north-eastern states with the rest of India. Growing demand on its infrastructure, in particular lack of adequate connectivity across the Brahmaputra river, has resulted in bottlenecks in Guwahati and neighbouring areas of Kamrup and Kamrup Metropolitan districts of Assam. Currently, Guwahati has two bridges in operation. The third one, the Pan Bazar bridge, is under construction.</p> <p>To augment the much-needed transport infrastructure, The Government of Assam (GoA) has proposed construction of a bridge across Brahmaputra river that along with associated approach roads and viaducts on both sides of the river banks, will connect the towns of Palasbari to Sualkuchi on the western edge of the Guwahati Metropolitan Area (GMA).</p> <p>The Project will create direct connection between the north and south bank areas of the GMA and augment connectivity in Assam, contributing to the comprehensive development of Guwahati in line with the Master Plan for Guwahati Metropolitan Area – 2025.</p> |

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| Project Description | <p>The Project will construct a bridge and its alignments over the Brahmaputra river with a total length of 12.2 km, providing connectivity to Palasbari and Sualkuchi towns of the Kamrup district, in the vicinity of Guwahati. The Project includes innovation, smart technologies, and sustainability features, as well as strengthens institutional effectiveness of the Assam Public Works Roads Department (APWRD).</p> |
| Project Objective | <p>The Project will provide connectivity between Palasbari and Sualkuchi towns in Kamrup district, providing diversion for regional and urban traffic to bypass the central business district of Guwahati, and directly link the international airport to the industrial areas around Sualkuchi, currently are under development – contributing to improved mobility, connectivity and efficient transportation across the state capital region.</p> <p>The Project will broadly contribute towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure. In particular, it will directly contribute to target 9.1 – develop quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, including regional & transborder infrastructure, to support economic development and human well-being, with a focus on affordable and equitable access for all.</p> |
| Implementation Arrangements | <p>The Project is estimated to be implemented till Q2, 2028. GoA is the Project Entity and will implement the Project through its APWRD.</p> |
| Environmental and Social Information | <p>The Project has been classified as Category A in accordance with NDB Environment and Social Framework (NDB ESF).</p> <p>The main environmental and social (E&S) impacts are related to (i) the impacts on aquatic ecology of Brahmaputra river that is inhabited by endangered Ganges River Dolphins (<i>Platanista Gangetica</i>), (ii) land acquisition and resettlement, and (iii) construction related environmental impacts and occupational safety.</p> <p>The E&S impacts will be mitigated by adherence to E&S management plans developed for the Project based on the country system and NDB ESF, as well as implementation of the Environmental and Social Impact Management Plan.</p> |

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| Financing | The Project will be financed through the loan from NDB and counterpart funding from GoA. | | |
| | Source of Fund | | Amount |
| | NDB | | USD 333.80 million |
| | GoA | | INR 6.77 billion |
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