

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

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	April 01, 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 territory of the state of Assam is split into two parts by Brahmaputra river, making transport connectivity within the State challenging.</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 transport infrastructure, in particular across the Brahmaputra river, has resulted in bottlenecks in Guwahati and neighbouring Kamrup and Kamrup Metropolitan districts. Currently, Guwahati has two bridges in operation. The third one, the Assam Bridge financed by NDB, is under construction. To further augment the much-needed transport infrastructure, The Government of Assam (GoA) has proposed construction of another bridge across the Brahmaputra river that 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 parts of the GMA, contributing to the comprehensive development of Guwahati in line with the Master Plan for Guwahati Metropolitan Area – 2025.</p>
Project Description	<p>The Project will construct a bridge over the Brahmaputra river with a total length of 12.2 km between Palasbari and Sualkuchi towns of the GMA. The bridge design extensively uses innovative technologies and considers the environment and sustainability aspects.</p>

	The Project also includes activities to strengthen institutional capacity of the Assam Public Works Roads Department (APWRD).		
Project Objective	<p>In addition to improved connectivity between the north and south parts of the GMA, the Project will provide diversion for regional and urban traffic in order to bypass the central business district of Guwahati, and to directly link the international airport to the industrial areas around Sualkuchi, which are currently under development.</p> <p>The Project will contribute towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure. In particular, it will contribute to target 9.1 – develop quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, including regional &amp; 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 planned to be implemented in 4 years.</p> <p>GoA, the project entity, 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&amp;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&amp;S impacts will be mitigated by adherence to E&amp;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>		
Financing	The Project will be financed through a loan from NDB and counterpart funding from GoA.		
	<b>Source of Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
	NDB	USD 333.80 million	
	GoA	INR 6.77 billion	
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