

West Bengal to map state highway network

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According to recent news, West Bengal use GIS to map state's highway network. It will help to better plan the deployment of resources for highway development in 2014.

"We are creating a detailed web-based GIS mapping of all of the 4500 km of state highways by March 2014," Managing Director of West Bengal Highway Development Corporation (WBHDC), Manoj Kumar Agarwal, informed local media.

WBHDCL has been constituted which would work as nodal agency for state-level roads and highways. The new Corporation aims to initiate measures to link up small roads to the state highways and will be responsible for maintenance and repair of such roads across the state. The road infrastructure in the state will be improved significantly and the new corporation will play a crucial role in this regard. West Bengal has 19 state highways with a total length of 4400 kilometers. Apart from the state highways, 15 national highways also passes through the state with a length of 2330 kilometers.

In August 2013, proposals were invited tender for consultancy services for preparation of feasibility cum detailed project report of selected highway corridor. At the end of the September 2013, the consultants were shortlisted for the process.