



## CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

On behalf of the Board of Directors and on my personal behalf, I extend a very warm welcome to all of you to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of your Company. It is a time of the year when we look back at the period gone by and also discuss the way forward.

Your Company primarily focuses on consolidating the core road network comprising of State Highways in West Bengal by constructing new roads and also strives to improve the road worthiness of existing road network, bridges, under-pass, ROBs etc.

The performance of your Company has shown an evident upswing in the year 2015-16.

It feels really good to state that your Company has completed the following two projects out of the six ongoing projects in the year 2015-2016 and the vehicles are now plying through the developed road which is of National Highway standards and specifications.

- Strengthening and Widening to 2 Lane/2-Lane with paved shoulder configuration of Saptagram-Kalna-Katwa-Road (Section of SH-6, District – Hooghly).
- Strengthening and Widening to 2 Lane/2-Lane with paved shoulder configuration of Industrial Corridor Barjora- Durlavpur More (Mejia-Section of ODR, District– Bankura).

The other four projects are on the verge of completion.

Apart from the above, your Company had also made significant advancement in the commencement of the following forthcoming projects:

- West Bengal North South Road Corridor project (SASEC port connectivity) with loan assistance from Asian Development Bank.
- Construction of six-lane extra-dosed cable-stayed bridge over river Hoogly beside Iswar Gupta Setu at Kalyani along with four laning of State Highway corridor from Mogra (SH-13) to Barojaguli (NH-34) via Kampa junction consisting of STKK Link Road, SH 6 and SH 1.
- Construction of two ROBs at Bandel Carshed and Adi Saptagram.
- Preparation of DPR for construction of Traffic Dispersal System for Santragachhi railway station and newly constructed Santragachhi bus terminus along Kona Expressway (NH-117).
- Preparation of DPR for Widening and Strengthening of Barrackpore-Kalyani Expressway.

An application named GEO ASHA has been developed with the help of NIC comprising State Highway assets and Road information system which will help to identify the areas where the road infrastructure development projects are required to be undertaken on priority basis in future.

Your Company has also adopted various policies like the Corporate Governance Policy, Anti- Harassment Policy, Risk Management Policy to ensure transparency and compliance of all the statutory stipulations.



Your Company has set aside a part of its profit to contribute towards the CSR activities for the welfare and development of the society as a whole.

Your Company has prepared a draft toll policy along with relevant amendments in the West Bengal Highway Act, 1964 and draft Concessionaire Agreement for PPP Model for consideration by the Government of West Bengal.

WBHDCL has also envisioned construction of bypasses in suburb towns to decongest the traffic movement, development of integrated checkpoints in the border area etc.

Your Company makes the payment of salaries and wages, statutory dues and other administrative expenses as per norms and is also taking adequate care to adhere to the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

I would like to assure you that your Company will continue to provide significant contribution in augmenting road infrastructure in order to ensure hassle free movement within the State in the coming years.

Before I conclude on behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank all the stakeholders and partners including our consultants and contractors who have reposed their trust in the Company. I would also like to thank the Government of West Bengal and its Departments and local bodies for their continued support.

I would convey my thankfulness and appreciation to my colleagues on the Board and the employees of WBHDCL for their invaluable suggestions and contribution in strengthening the Company.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Subrata Ranjan Bakshi', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

**SUBRATA RANJAN BAKSI, M.P.  
CHAIRMAN, WBHDCL**