

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Public Works Department

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RESOLUTION

The Public Works Department (PWD) is the major department entrusted with the responsibility of construction, development, maintenance and up-gradation of National Highways (NH), State Highways (SH), Major District Roads (MDR), Other District Roads (ODR) and a part of Village Roads (VR) in the State. Apart from this, certain sections of NH in the State i.e. NH-6, NH-2, NH-34, part of NH-31, NH-31-D and NH-31C had been taken over by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) under MORT&H, Govt. of India under NHDP project and are being developed and maintained by them. A portion of Village Road network has been brought under the umbrella of PMGSY project funded by Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India with participation of State Panchayat & Rural Department. Apart from this, multiple entities in the form of municipalities, development authorities, etc. have certain roads in their jurisdiction in major urban conglomerates like Kolkata, Haldia, Durgapur, Siliguri-Jalpaiguri etc.

It is desirable that a robust investment in State level be put in place to cater for a core road network that support the economic and social development of the State by providing good quality transport linkages between the major populations, industrial, agricultural and culturally valuable locations in the State. National Highways and State Highways logically constitute the core network for road transport in a State. This core network mostly influences the economic well being of the State through reduction of travel time and vehicle operating cost as well as by providing access to market, industries, health and education. This core network of highways has to be well developed and maintained at all times.

2. Now, therefore, the Governor is pleased to decide that a Corporation in the name and style of "WBHDCL" (West Bengal Highway Development Corporation Limited) which will be a Public Company Limited by shares will be set up under Public Works Department. The Corporation will act as a nodal organization for development, up-gradation and maintenance of state highways as part of this core network. As a major policy initiative government

is going to encourage Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis as instrument of delivery of better roads where capable private investors shall be allowed to levy user charges or toll for a certain period of time.

3. The main objectives of this Corporation will be as following:
 - a) To promote core road network primarily comprising of state highways in West Bengal by taking up road works, bridges, under-passes, ROBs, etc. and to improve road network by taking up construction, widening and strengthening and improvement / up-gradation of state highways and bridges and to implement long term maintenance regime for state highways and bridges;
 - b) To develop, upgrade and maintain important roads connecting State Highways and those roads handed over to Corporation by Govt. from time to time.
 - c) To promote and encourage private sector participation in highway sector at State level by acting as the nodal organization of the State in creating an enabling environment to attract private capital in highway sector.
 - d) To construct, reconstruct, erect, build, remodel, repair, reclaim, demolish, develop, improve, operate and maintain the roads, bridges, culverts, embankment, sideways, flyovers, tunnels, railroads, multi-modal transport systems and infrastructure, models and complexes for improvement of state highway network of West Bengal.
 - e) To identify potential schemes for implementation under PPP (i.e., BOT, BOT-Annuity or any other evolving modes of PPP) consistent with policy of the Govt. of India & Govt. of West Bengal and to appoint any Consultant in Govt. or private sector in order to collect data and information, to carry out detailed survey and investigation in order to prepare feasibility report and detailed estimate of project as well as assess and report economic and financial viability of the project in PPP mode.
 - f) To act as nodal agency of the State Govt. for executing roads and allied infrastructure projects or for objects as envisaged in above clause under public-private or joint venture basis through selection of concessionaire in a transparent manner for construction, operation and maintenance of specified highways and bridges in PPP mode.

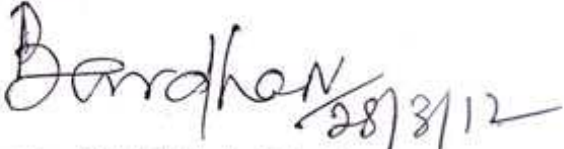
- g) To act as nodal organization on behalf of State of West Bengal to prepare Feasibility, Detailed Project Report (DPR) and other reports for procuring Loans/Aids from External Funding Agencies like ADB, World Bank, JBIC etc. and act as Executing Agencies for such Externally Aided Projects (EAP) on behalf of State of West Bengal.
- h) To prepare Road Information System and Road Management System in IT enabled and GIS Platform and develop strategic plans for the State road sector for identification, prioritization and selection of projects based upon economic, social, technical, commercial and environmental parameters.
- i) To act as Consultants in connection with infrastructure projects in India and abroad.
- j) To follow competitive and transparent bidding procedures in procurement of Consulting Services, Civil works Contract and selection of Concessionaire for PPP projects.

4. The administrative and management structure of the Corporation will be the following:

- I. A Board of Directors would be headed by **Chairperson**, to be appointed by the Government. Other members of the Board of Directors will be the following:
 - i. Vice Chairperson to be appointed by the Government
 - ii. IAS officer of rank not below Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal as Managing Director
 - iii. Director Finance
 - iv. Director Projects
 - v. Director Technical
 - vi. Secretary/Principal Secretary, Finance Department
 - vii. Secretary/Principal Secretary, Land & Land Reforms Department
 - viii. Secretary/Principal Secretary, Commerce & Industries Department
 - ix. Secretary/Principal Secretary, Power Department
 - x. Secretary/Pr. Secretary PW Department
- II. Government may appoint more Directors as per rule if the need so arises.

- III. One Company Secretary to be selected through open advertisement and one accounts officer is also required to be posted.
 - IV. The staffing pattern will be finalized after due consultation with Finance Department and be placed before Cabinet.
5. The Corporation will have its registered office at Kolkata, West Bengal. The location of the branches will be as decided by the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The rules of transaction of business, financial management and internal administration will be decided by the Board of Directors of the Corporation subject to the approval of the State Government.
6. The Corporation will be a body corporate to be set up under the Company's Act 1956. All necessary steps for incorporation and registration of the Corporation under the Company's Act, framing of Articles and Memorandum of Association and other statutory approvals as required will be arranged and undertaken by the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The Corporation will have an authorized capital of Rs. 50.00 crores (fifty crores). It will have an initial paid-up capital of Rs. 5.00 crores (Five Crores) divided into 50,000 equity shares of Rs. 1000.00 each. Since the Corporation will be a fully State Government owned Corporation, the entire authorized and paid up capital will be fully subscribed by the State Government. This will take immediate effect.

By order of the Governor


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Secretary, Public Works Department

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