

## CHAPTER – VII

### TRANSPORT

#### 7.1 ROADS & BRIDGES

**7.1.1** Road communication is the only mode of transport in the state of Meghalaya. Good road network is therefore vital for the socio-economic development of the State. During the year 2016-17, the Government has made a provision for taking up schemes under Last Mile connectivity for connecting economically important unconnected villages of shorter distance from the Main Road. Under State Plan, 24 roads Projects were recently proposed under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF XXI) with a loan from NABARD at a total cost of ₹ 35.77 crore. The Government is also making all effort to improve certain accident prone area in many stretches of roads on State Highways and Urban Link road and an amount of ₹ 2.00 crore have been projected for the year 2016-17 from fund available under General State Plan.

**7.1.2 Annual Plan 2014-15:** - The approved revised outlay during 2014-15 was ₹ 42153.00 lakh and the actual expenditure incurred was ₹ 35707.00 lakh. During the year 23 schemes were completed, 93 Kms of new roads were taken up, 253 Kms. of existing road were black topped and 810 running meters of bridges were constructed.

**7.1.3 Annual Plan 2015-16:-** The available outlay for this sector during 2015-16 is ₹ 31926.00 lakh, which includes ₹ 12130.14 lakh for ongoing SPA projects of 2012-13, ₹ 3161.00 lakh for ongoing SCA projects and ₹ 6000.00 lakh as State Share for PMGSY schemes respectively with an anticipated expenditure of ₹ 46926.00 lakh.

The physical achievement during the year are as follows:

- (a) 22 Kms of new roads were taken up
- (b) 63 Kms of Kutcha road were blacktopped
- (c) 180 Running metres of RCC bridges have been constructed.

The anticipated achievement during the year include 90 Kms of new road, to convert 340 Kms of kutcha road to all weather road and to complete 1700 running meters of RCC bridges.

During the year 2015-16 specific allocation of ₹ 10000.00 lakh has been earmarked to this sector for ongoing SPA/SCA road schemes.

**7.1.4 Annual Plan 2016-17:** - The Budgeted Outlay for Roads & Bridges for the Annual Plan 2016-2017 is ₹ 47000.00 lakh, which includes ₹ 3800.00 lakh for NABARD Loan under RIDF, ₹ 1500.00 lakh for C.A. for Roads & Bridges, ₹ 2500.00 lakh for North Eastern States Roads Investment Programme EAP-ADB, of which ₹ 250.00 lakh is the State Share, ₹ 11000.00 lakh for PMGSY and ₹ 1000.00 lakh for Last Mile Connectivity.

With this allocation, it is targeted that 67.00 km of new roads, 1553 Rm of bridges will be constructed and 201 Km of existing road blacktopped besides improving the condition of 107 Km of existing roads.

## 7.2 ROAD TRANSPORT

**7.2.1** The Road Transport plays a very important role in the economy of any State or Country. This is more so in a State of Meghalaya where presently only one railway line viz. Dudhnoi – Mendipathar is operational and also air services is limited to choppers and small aircraft and Waterways navigation is still in the preliminary stage and is limited to a few water bodies.

**7.2.2** The Meghalaya Transport Corporation intends to modernize and expand its fleet position in order to enable the Corporation to continue with its mission of providing adequate, economical and uninterrupted road transport services to the people of the State. The Corporation has, therefore, planned to procure about 15 new buses during the year 2014-15 for replacing some of its old buses and for augmenting its fleet of buses. The Corporation also plans to go in for computerization of its ticketing system and other areas of operations in order to improve its efficiency of performance.

**7.2.3** The outlay for Road Transport for the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan period 2012-2017 was ₹.2400.00 lakh. As against the approved outlay of ₹ 250.00 Lakh for this sector during 2014-15, an amount of ₹.250.00 Lakh was released as capital contribution to the Meghalaya Transport Corporation. An amount of ₹ 256.00 (L) was provided during the year 2015-16. **The Budgeted outlay for this sector during 2016-17 is ₹ 280.00 lakh.**

## 7.3 OTHER TRANSPORT SERVICES

**7.3.1** Under the Other Transport Services sector, important Projects taken up are – Up-gradation of Umroi Airport and Construction / Up-gradation of Baljek Airport/Setting up of Helipad. The other schemes proposed for implementation are Motor Driving Institutes, Ropeways, Inland Waterways, Cable Cars, Inter State Bus Terminus (ISBT) at MawlaiMawiong, Inter State Truck Terminus (ISTT) at Ri-Bhoi, Financial Assistance to Unemployed Educated Youth of the State, Insurance for Drivers, Construction of Check gates, Reconstruction of retaining walls and renovation for District Offices and Head Quarter, Pollution Testing Control besides up-gradation the process of Computerization. This is required in order to achieve the optimum utility in e-governance so that implementation of smart card in Driving License, High Security Registration Plate, and Issues of Permits etc. can be achieved.

**7.3.2** The Government is focused on upgrading the Baljek Airport, and for extension of the runway and for the purpose an additional land of 58 acres have been acquired. A Project Management Consultant (PMC) is proposed to be appointed to explore the possibilities of operating the airport in Public Private Partnership mode.

**7.3.3** For the expansion and up-gradation of Umroi Airport land for the purpose have already been acquired and moreover the Defence authorities have also handed over the land to the Airport Authority of India. Construction of boundary wall as well as the alternative road to the nearby villages have already started. The expansion and up-gradation of the airport will facilitate the operation of larger aircrafts under all weather conditions.

**7.3.4** The work on the construction of railway line from Tetelia to Bymihat is in progress. For extension of the railway line from Bymihat to Shillong, survey has been nearly completed

except the last five kilometre stretch. A proposal for land acquisition for the first 18 km stretch has been submitted by the Railways and is under process.

**7.3.5** Construction of the Inter State Bus Terminus at Mawlai Mawiong in the East Khasi Hills District with a capacity to accommodate 150 buses with sufficient parking space for other vehicles is in progress.

**7.3.6** The Outlay for the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan period is ₹.12100.00 lakh. As against the approved outlay of ₹ 250.00 lakh for the year 2014-2015, the actual expenditure was ₹ 147.52 lakh. The available outlay during 2015-16 is ₹ 142.00 lakh of which it is anticipated to utilize in full. **An amount of ₹ 3155.00 lakh has been budgeted during the year 2016-17 which includes land acquisition for Umroi Airport and development of Inland Water Ways.**