

## CHAPTER – VII

### TRANSPORT

#### 7.1 ROADS & BRIDGES

7.1.1 Road communication is the only mode of transport in Meghalaya a good road network is therefore vital for the socio-economic development of the State. The total road length of the State as on March, 2014 is 9860 Km with a road density of 43.96 Km /100 Sq. Km. Out of the total road length of 9860.00 Km, 7082.00 Km. had been blacktopped and 2778.00 Km graveled. During 2014-15 it is anticipated that 143Km. of road length would be completed including PMGSY . Thus the total road length at the end of the year i.e. up-to 31-03-2015 is anticipated to be 10003.00 Km. thereby increasing the road density to 44.60 Km /100 Sq. Km.

7.1.2. Meghalaya is very rich in agriculture and mineral resources. Up-gradation of existing roads by way of improvement, widening, strengthening, metalling and blacktopping is very essential to cater to the increasing load and intensity of the present day traffic for transportation within as well as outside the State .Further, the State is having about 9.645 Km of Semi Permanent Timber (SPT) bridges which are not covered under any programmes for their conversion into permanent Reinforced Cement Concrete (RCC) Bridges which is also of prime importance.

7.1.3. As on 31-03-2014 the State is having 1051 Nos of On-going General schemes including RIDF with a total Bank of Sanction of Rs. 24352.00 (L). Special emphasis is given to complete a maximum number of On- going projects within the Plan Outlay. The anticipated expenditure during 2014-15 for taking up the schemes is Rs. 8355.162 (L). Till December 2014, 33 Nos. of schemes have been completed and it is expected that about 100 Nos. will be completed within the Financial Year. Thus, the total no. of ongoing schemes at the end of 2014-15 and the beginning of 2015-16 is expected to be around 993 with a total bank of sanction of Rs.21743.233 (L) including 42 new schemes sanctioned during 2014-15 amounting to Rs.5746.485 (L).

In addition to State Plan, it is also proposed to take up Schemes for construction as well as up-gradation under different programmes of the Central Government viz. Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR), North Eastern Council (NEC), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Central Road Fund (CRF), Interstate Connectivity (ISC).

7.1.4. The Approved Outlay for the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan Period is Rs. 190000.00 (L) for Roads & Bridges Sector. Priority has been accorded for completion of spill over schemes, village connectivity, improvement of the existing road at the Districts and Block Headquarters, improvement and strengthening of the existing State Highways (SH), Major District Roads (MDR) and Other District Roads (ODR), Conversion of Semi- Permanent Timber (SPT) Bridges into Permanent RCC Bridges, Improvement and Strengthening of existing Urban Roads including providing of footpaths, up-gradation of the existing kutcha road to all weather road, etc.

7.1.5 **Annual Plan 2013-14:** - As against the approved revised outlay of Rs.37460.00 for Roads & Bridges Sector, the actual expenditure incurred was Rs.32830.38 (L). With this investment, 59.64 Km of new roads and 955.11 Rm of bridges were constructed.

7.1.6. **Annual Plan 2014-15:-** The Budgeted Outlay for this sector during 2014-15 was Rs.42890.00 (L), which includes Rs.3200.00 (L) of NABARD loan, an EAP component of Rs.2000.00 (L) and Rs.2000.00 (L) of Award under the Thirteenth Finance Commission. The anticipated expenditure during the period is expected to be Rs.41603.00 (L) which include SCA of Rs. 4781.00(L) and Thirteenth Finance Commission Award of Rs.1200.00(L)

7.1.7 **Annual Plan 2015-16: - The Tentative Outlay for Roads & Bridges Sector during Annual Plan 2015-2016 is Rs.55520.00 (L). With this allocation, it is targeted that 338.00 km of new roads will be constructed and 554.00 km of road metalled.**

7.1.8 **During 2014-15 an amount of Rs.244.20 crore has been recommended under SPA for the following projects:-**

Sl. No	Name of Projects	Amount (in Crore)
1	<u>SPA-2012-13</u>	
	(i) State Highways and Major District Roads 2012-13	89.07
	(ii) Up-gradation of Urban Roads	16.37
	(iii) Bye & Strategic Roads	57.53
2	<u>SPA 2014-15</u>	
	(i) Parking Bays	3.60
	(ii) State Highways and Major District Roads	18.91
	(iii) Critical Feeder & Missing Gaps	58.72
	Total	<b>244.20</b>

**Further, an amount of Rs.58.50 crore has been released during 2014-15 for the following projects:-**

Sl. No	Name of Projects	Amount (in Crore)
1	Improvement including MBT of Laskein Borato Road 14 Km.	4.50
2	Improvement of critical feeder roads and missing gaps Phase II	36.00
2	Up-gradation of State Highway and Major District Roads Phase II	18.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>58.50</b>

7.3.9 **Under SCA, an amount of Rs.47.81 crore has been provided for the following projects during 2014-15.**

Sl. No	Name of Projects	Amount (in Crore)
1	<b><u>Ongoing Project:-</u></b>	
	(i) Up-gradation of roads of new District Headquarters	10.12
2	<b><u>New Projects:-</u></b>	
	(i) Improvement, widening including MBT & Guard Wall, culverts and drains of NH 44 (E) from Lad Mawreng to Mawngap.	1.00
	(ii) Interlocking concrete Block Pavement on K.A Road at Tura.	2.30
	(iii) Embankment Cum Road from Mandagre to Garobadha-Selsella-Balachanda Road at Haldibari (0.00-3.00 Kms)	6.00
	(iv) Addl. allocation for General Schemes of PWD	19.89

(v)	GA Road to Bando raja via Khongpara (New tech) 1.5km	2.00	
(vi)	Murchapani Koch to Baladinggre Songma with bridge and culverts 1 Km		
(vii)	Bandoraja PMGSY road to Gimbilgre via Bolchu A'ding (new tech) km		
(viii)	Domdoma to Gojakata via Agalgre Songitcham (new tech) 1.5 Km with culverts		
(ix)	Kashre to Bashbari with culverts (new tech) 2 Km		
(x)	GA road to Purasinga with bridge and culverts 1.5 Km		
(xi)	Betasing Melim road to Abagre with bridge and culverts		
(xii)	Bainapara to Dobokgre via Ajonggre with culverts (new tech) 2 Km.		
(xiii)	Construction i/c MBT of internal road from 126 <sup>th</sup> Km of AMPT road to Burny Hills SSA School connecting Nehru Park at AMPT road.		
(xiv)	MBT of road from Agillaggre to Don Bosco collge via Sonanpara 1.1 Km.		
(xv)	Construction i/c MBT of a road from Ballonggre to Gambagre connecting Pelga Dare waterfalls		
(xvi)	MBT of a road from NEC road to Matchakolgre graveyard via Burny Hills 1.25 Km		
(xvii)	Construction/Imp. i/c MBT of Lummawbah DongNan, Mawklot-Nongumlong Sohbir, Nongpyiur-Umsohpie and Lumjingthang to connect with S.T. Road NH-40 length 3.95 Km.		
(xviii)	Construction and extn. Of feeder road at West Lawsohtun i/c imp. And strengthening of Lawsohtun road length 3.150 Km.		
(xix)	Construction of a road from Williannagar to Chocpot via Cherangre 0-7 Km.		
(xx)	Retaining wall in different locations in Ampati town		
(xxi)	Protection of AMPT road at different locations.		
(xxii)	Construction of breast/retaing wall at 18 <sup>th</sup> Km of Garobadha-Ampati road and 1 <sup>st</sup> Km of Chengkompara road.		1.50
(xxiii)	Constn. of S.M R/Wall/B/Wall in built up area within Ampati tp protect office buildings and residential areas at 1 <sup>st</sup> km of Ampati-Chengkompara road and Ampati Boldamgre road and at 1 <sup>st</sup> km of Chengkompara road.		
(xxiv)	Construction of boundary brick wall fencing with RCC post and steel grill with steel gates at IB and office campus of PWD Roads, Ampati.		
(xxv)	Lay by	5.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>47.81</b>	

### 7.3.10 Thirteenth Finance Commission Award.

During 2014-15, an amount of 12.00 crore has been released by the Government of India under the 13<sup>th</sup> Financial Commission Award for construction of bridges in the State.

## 7.2 ROAD TRANSPORT

**7.2.1** Road Transport plays a very important role in the economy of any State or Country especially for Meghalaya where only recently the State has been included in the Railway map of the country. With other mode of transportation such as Air Transport having a little impact and with no inland waterways Meghalaya Transport Corporation has, therefore, been carrying out its mandate of providing adequate, economical and properly regulated Road Transport Services to the people of the State since its inception in October, 1976.

**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 and augmenting its fleet of buses. The Corporation also plans to go in for computerization of its ticketing system and to expand its operations in new routes to improve its efficiency of performance.

**7.2.3** The Approved Outlay for Road Transport for the Twelfth Plan period 2012-2017 is Rs.2400.00 lakh. As against the approved revised outlay of Rs.680.00 (L) during 2013-14, an amount of Rs.380 Lakhs was released as Capital Contribution to the Corporation. **Pending finalization of the Annual Plan 2015-16 the tentative Budget allocation has been proposed at Rs.380.00 lakhs.**

### **7.3 OTHER TRANSPORT SERVICES**

**7.3.1** The important projects taken up under Other Transport Services include Up-gradation of Umroi Airport and Construction/ Up-gradation of Baljek Airport and Setting up of Helipad. The other schemes proposed to be taken up include setting up of Motor Driving Institutes, Ropeways, Inland Waterways, Cable Cars, Inter State Bus Terminus (ISBT) at Mawlai, Mawiong, Inter State Truck Terminus (ISTT) at Ri-Bhoi, Financial Assistance to Un-employed Educated Youth of the State, 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 Approved Outlay for the Twelfth Plan period (2012-2017) is Rs.12100.00 lakhs. As against the approved outlay of Rs.953.00 lakhs for the year 2013-2014, the actual expenditure was Rs.467.00 lakh. The budgeted outlay during 2014-15 was Rs.364.00 lakhs which includes Rs.100.00 lakhs for Ropeways, Rs.65.00 lakhs for Inland Waterways and Rs.50.00 lakhs for Cable Cars. The anticipated expenditure for 2014-15 is Rs.250.00 lakhs. **The tentative budget outlay for 2015-16 is proposed at Rs.364.00 lakhs.**