

# CHAPTER III

## ROAD AHEAD



Committee on Infrastructure (CoI) headed by the Prime Minister set up in August 2004 has outlined the future highways development programme as follows:

3.1.2 Completion of balance length of GQ and Corridors under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase I and Phase II at a cost of Rs. 43,250 crore.

3.1.3 Widening to four lanes of 10,000 km of National Highways at a cost of Rs. 55,000 crore under NHDP Phase III.

3.1.4 Widening to two lanes with paved shoulders of 20,000 km of National Highways at a cost of Rs. 24,000 crore under NHDP Phase IV.

3.1.5 Widening to six lanes of 6,500 km of Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) and Selected stretches of National Highways at a cost of Rs. 22,750 crore under NHDP Phase V.

3.1.6 Development of 1,000 km of Expressways at a cost of Rs. 15,000 crore under NHDP Phase VI.

3.1.7 Construction of ring roads, flyovers and bypasses on selected stretches at a cost of Rs. 15,000 crore under NHDP Phase VII.

3.1.8 Development and strengthening of 1310 km of roads including 1110 km of National Highways in North East under Phase A of the Special Accelerated Road Development Programme at cost of Rs. 4618 crore has been approved by the government. Preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for 5122 km under Phase B has also been approved. Further, 1207 km is also under consideration. Thirty-six district headquarters out of 85, which are not connected to National Highways, will be connected.

3.1.9 Projects under NHDP in future will be awarded on BOT basis in general and in exceptional cases under normal contract. 30 BOT (Toll based) Projects covering a length of 1568 km awarded during 2005 would be appropriately monitored.

3.1.10 Committee of Secretaries (CoS) has been set up to resolve NHDP implementation issues. As a result of CoS deliberations, land acquisition







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notification procedures have been streamlined. Several Inter Ministerial and State issues have been resolved and one Railway Officer deputed to NHAI to expedite Road Over Bridges (ROBs) clearances. Amendment in Allocation of Business Rules has been made to authorise the Department of Road Transport & Highways to notify acquisition of land without reference to Ministry of Law. This has speeded up the process of acquisition of land and similar steps would be taken to overcome the impediments.

3.1.11 Project size has been adequately programmed for a length for 100 km or more for investment level of US\$ 120 million and more for attracting foreign investors.

3.1.12 Committee on Infrastructure has approved the proposal for setting up of a dedicated Safety Fund into which one percent of cess revenues allocated for National Highways would be paid.

