

ROADS TO DEVELOPMENT IN MAHABOONAGAR

- A Space Marketing Feature

PART - IV

Laying foundation for future...

INFRAStructure Leasing and Financial Services Limited (IL&FS) to create a pan-India surface transport business formed IL&FS Transportation Networks (India) Limited (ITNL). IL&FS has identified the Transport Sector as an area of focus and represents itself in this sector through ITNL. It has therefore domiciled its transport sector investments and resources in ITNL. IL&FS, a multi-faceted organization providing a range of fund and non-fund based financial services, IL&FS' activities broadly include Financial Services (including Investment Banking and Asset Financing), Commercialization of Infrastructure Projects and Asset Management. Incorporated in the last quarter of 1987, IL&FS was mandated with the commercialization of infrastructure projects. The shareholders of IL&FS are leading Indian and international institutions, inter alia, Central Bank of India, State Bank of India (SBI), Unit Trust of India (UTI), Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) - the premier housing finance institution in the country, Orix Corporation, Japan, Credit Commercial de France, and the International Finance Corporation (IFC), Washington. Further IL&FS has developed expertise in the area of Environment and Social Management of public infrastructure development. All IL&FS projects meet stringent World Bank requirements relating to environment and social issues. This expertise has been domiciled in the entity IL&FS Ecosmart Limited. IL&FS has successfully completed and is also in the process of implementing several significant road sector projects through ITNL. Government initiatives in this sector have been significant at both the Central and State levels. Noteworthy among these are the efforts by the



National Highway Authority of India to execute the 'Golden Quadrilateral' and the 'North-South & East-West Corridor' projects. Andhra Pradesh Expressway Limited (APEL) has been incorporated by IL&FS and ITNL for the development, implementation and operation and maintenance of 74 km annuity based road project, stretching from Kothakota to Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh. The project entails the strengthening and widening of the 74 km, two-lane stretch on National Highway-7 to a four-lane divided carriageway. The project will be completed by

March'09. ITNL has been involved in the development and implementation of important Highways, Flyovers, Bridges and Roads. These projects have been designed on international standards in terms of technology and facilities. These Roads are strategically important as they connect major industrial and social centres of the country.

Road Infrastructure Development Company of Rajasthan Ltd (RIDCOR) Conceptualised by the Government of Rajasthan for development of linking roads for connectivity from North to South,

these five road corridors aggregating to more than 1000 Kms were earmarked for development to world class standards under the project titled 'Mega Highways Project'.

- Phalodi to Ramji Ki Gol
- Hanumangarh to Kishangarh
- Alwar to Sikandra
- Lalsot to Kota
- Baran to Jhalawar

Ahmedabad - Mehsana Toll Road (AMTRL): Located in the densest traffic corridor in the state highway network of Gujarat, the road serves as an alternative to the National Highway for traffic moving to the Northern States.

- **Vadodara - Halol Toll Road (VIITRL)**
A World Bank best practice example for Environment Risk Mitigation & Social Rehabilitation Plan, this project involved the widening of the existing state highway connecting the city of Vadodara with the industrial town of Halol.
- **Delhi - Noida Toll Bridge (DND)**
The first Greenfield project of its size in the country to have been completed on Public Private Partnership, it received recognition from The Indian Concrete Institute for technical and construction excellence.
- **North Karnataka Expressway (NKEI)**
The longest project road on the Golden Quadrilateral, this 77 km road along the Maharashtra-Karnataka border was completed 5 months ahead of schedule.
- **East Coast Road**
An example of alternate and appropriate model for road development, this 125 km road connecting Chennai to Pondicherry involved modular improvements through value engineering and provision of safety features.
- **West Gujarat Expressway**
Thiruvananthapuram City Road Improvement Project Thiruvananthapuram Road Development Company Limited is a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) implementing the first intra-city project in the country.
- **Kowdiar-Vellayambalam Stretch**
Known as the 'royal avenue' because of the Kowdiar Palace at the northern end, the 1.2 km stretch has been designed scientifically with side drains, paved footpaths, ducts for utility lines, modern street-lighting fixtures, median and traffic signals.

INTERVIEW



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Question: Mahabubnagar district is recognized as backward one, do these highways contribute towards development of the district?
Answer: Definitely Mahabubnagar district will develop. The whole scenario of the district is going to change in the coming year and a half when work on the four lane national highway are completed. There will be vast industrial growth and wayside facilities like restaurants will come up. In ancient days, civilizations developed along the banks of rivers whereas in the 21st century, development takes place where good infrastructure is available.

Q: Do you foresee any major investments in Mahabubnagar after completion of the highway widening projects?

A: Definitely, the district will become a hub of industrial activity. Already, a green park is coming up in 1000 acres near Jacharla town adjacent to national highway. Aurobindo pharma, a pharmaceutical company, is starting its plant.

Q: Do you forecast any rapid development in the district when International airport at Shamshabad would come up and four-lane highway is completed?

A: With international airport about 80 KMS away from district headquarters and fourlane highway will definitely give a boost to industrial development. Agriculturists will also benefit, as the marketing facilities will improve. People will have access to state capital on one side and Bangalore on other side.

Q: What were the major problems faced by the district administration in acquiring land for 178 KMS highway passing through the district?

A: We have acquired 1600 acres of land. Though we faced mild

resistance from some farmers, we could overcome it through arbitration. People could understand that wayside villages will also develop and land adjacent to the highway will also fetch high rates.

Q: How are the commuters going to benefit from the highway project?

A: Accidents on National highway will come down once the two-lane highway is converted into four lane. Head-on collision of vehicles was high in the absence of the dividers on National highway. Apart from this three flyovers at Kothoor, Jacharla and Bhoopoor will also help in avoiding traffic congestion. Hitherto, people were scared of travelling on the two lane national highway in view of many accidents. Now, the situation has changed and we will promote tourism also as there are many tourist spots in the district such as Pillalamarri, Alampoor and Jurala project.

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Ignited by the dream to see a developed India and driven by extensive experience in infrastructure building, we have set forth to realize our vision. The vision is to witness growth and advancement in not just a handful of urban pockets but all over the nation right to the deepest rural interiors. The perfecting of our roads and highways network is the fundamental base of our country's progress and development.

As another step forward in the realization of this vision, Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Limited (IL&FS) and IL&FS Transportation Networks Limited (ITNL), in concert with National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has taken up the development and implementation of 4/6 laning of KM 135.469 (end of proposed Kottakota Bypass) to Km 211 (Kurnool) on NH-7 in Mahabubnagar and Kurnool districts of Andhra Pradesh. The project is being executed through Andhra Pradesh Expressway Limited (APEL), a special purpose vehicle jointly promoted by IL&FS and ITNL.

Totalling a length of 74.756 km, this revolutionary project will comprise of several Bridges, Flyovers, Underpasses and a High-tech Toll Plaza. Upon completion in the year 2009, the journey along the project stretch will be safer and economical, ushering tremendous economic expansion in and around Mahabubnagar and Kurnool districts. It will form a vital link for NH-7 and ease the commercial traffic not just between the states of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka but also between the North and South corridors of the Nation.



APEL
Kurnool