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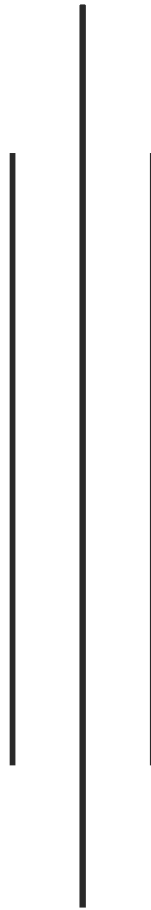
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FOREWORD



Road network is vital for sustained and inclusive growth of the economy. It promotes efficiency in the economy by minimizing total transportation cost in terms of economies of production, distribution and consumption. The road transport system also plays an important role of promoting the development of the backward regions and integrating them with the mainstream economy by opening them to trade and investment.

India has one of the largest road networks in the world of over 54 lakh kilometres as of 2014-15. Excluding roads constructed under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, for which road lengths have remained the same since 1995-96, the total road length in the country increased from 37.90 lakh kilometres during 2010-11 to 45.72 lakh kilometres during 2014-15 growing at a CAGR of 4.8%. In comparison, the total road length in North Eastern Region of India (NER) increased from 3.77 lakh kilometres during 2010-11 to 4.81 lakh kilometres during 2014-15 growing at a CAGR of 6.3%. Sikkim registered the highest CAGR of 12.6% during the period followed by Assam with a CAGR of 7.8% and by Manipur with a CAGR of 6.1%. The remaining NER states registered lower CAGR compared to the national figure of 4.8%. Arunachal Pradesh registered CAGR of 4.1%, Meghalaya registered CAGR of 2.8%, Tripura registered CAGR of 2.6% and Nagaland registered CAGR of 2.1% while Mizoram added only 20 kilometres of road length during this period.

The Government of India incorporated National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) as a Public Sector Undertaking on 18th July, 2014 with the main objective to fast pace the construction of National Highways and other infrastructure in NER and Strategic Areas of the country which share international boundaries. This was necessitated due to the fact the economic integration of South Asia and South East Asia which together account for more than 6% of the total world output needed a new regional connectivity link through highway infrastructure. Such integration would also ensure overall economic benefits flowing to the local population while integrating them in a robust manner with the mainstream. NHIDCL has been entrusted with the task of developing and improving road connectivity of an approximate aggregate length of 10,000 kilometres, which also includes the international trade corridor in NER, to promote cross border trade and commerce with South Asia Sub-Regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) member countries.

The current issue of NEDFi Databank Journal is on Road Sector with special reference to NER. Information has been provided with regard to the road network of the country, NER and each of the eight NER states.

We hope that the relevant data/information provided in this report will be useful to our readers and all the stakeholders in the sector. We also look forward to feedback and suggestions for further improvement.

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