

CONTENTS

State Government

Page No.

- **Bengaluru: Ball Set Rolling to Acquire Land for 5 Stations of KIA Line** 1
- **Bangalore to Get Public Charging Station in June, 111 More to Follow** 2
- **BESCOM Proposes 750 Electric Vehicle Charging Points in State** 3
- **Government Working to Setup Start-Up Accelerators in Berlin, Bengaluru** 4
- **Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation and DULT in Talks for Detailed Traffic Plan** 5
- **Elevated Corridor Will Cut Travel Time: KRDCL** 6
- **BBMP to Call for Tenders on 14 New Routes to Ease ITPL Traffic** 7
- **KIA Reaches New Heights with over 33 Million Passengers Last Year** 8

Agriculture and Food Processing

- **Use of Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture** 9-10

Economic & Corporate Affairs

- **Ministry of Corporate Affairs & SEBI Enter into Pact to Tighten Regulatory Oversight** 11
- **CCI Begins Market Study in E-Commerce in India** 12-13

Finance

- **CBDT Issues Notification for Amendment of Form No. 15H of the Income-tax Rules, 1962** 14
- **CBDT Extends Due Date for Filing of TDS Statement in Form 24Q** 15
- **Transition Plan to the New GST Return** 16-17
- **ICAT Releases India's 1st BS – VI Certificate in Two Wheeler Segment** 18

Labour/ Commerce and Industry/MSME Ministry

- **Commerce Minister Meets Industry Stakeholders on E-Commerce & Data Localization** 19
- **Ease of Doing Business Assessment** 20-26
- **Plan to Increase the Number of MSMEs in the Country** 27

STATE GOVERNMENT

Bengaluru: Ball Set Rolling to Acquire Land for 5 Stations of KIA Line

The first step towards the commencement of Namma Metro's Rs. 10,584-crore line from KR Puram to Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) has been taken with the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) initiating the process of acquiring land for five of the stations along this much-awaited route. The 36.3-km line, which will be routed via Nagawara and Hebbal, was approved by the State cabinet in January.

The largely elevated line with 17 Metro stations will go underground for the two stations that will come up at KIA. Speaking to The New Indian Express, M S Channappa Goudar, General Manager, Land Acquisition department, BMRCL, said, "We have sent a request to the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) on Monday (May 20) to acquire 11,032 square metres of private land in the route from KR Puram to Kempapura under Section 28 (1) of the KIAD Act.

The Board will send the proposal to the government for its approval before issuing a preliminary notification for the same." Channasandra, Horamavu, Nagawara, Veeranyapalya and HBR Layout are the stations for which land will be acquired first. "The parcels of land sought are spaces where multi-storied apartments and a few commercial complexes have been built," he said.

There are three other stations up to Kempapura but since those portions of land belong to government agencies, no acquisition problem is anticipated. "While land for the stations of Kalyan Nagar and HRBR Layout belong to BBMP, land belonging to the water supply board (BWSSB) is required for the Kempapura station. Both the agencies have given us an in-principle approval to use the same," he said. The airport line will totally require 2,30,073 square metres of land for construction of viaduct and stations and an additional 91,532 square metres for the depots. While a Metro line from Baiyappanahalli will run to KIA and back, a depot will come up at Whitefield for the East-West Line

Source: Indian Express May 23, 2019

Bangalore to Get 112 Public Charging Stations

An electric vehicle charging station will be up and running in Katriguppe next month, as part of BESCOM's ongoing project to set up 112 charging points in Bengaluru.

BENGALURU: An electric vehicle charging station will be up and running in Katriguppe next month, as part of BESCOM's ongoing project to set up 112 charging points in Bengaluru. There are currently four EV charging stations in the city – at Vidhana Soudha, Vikas Soudha, BESCOM head office at KR Circle and Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission office in Vasanthnagar.

"The one at Katriguppe division will be set up as a model for the other stations, which are being installed simultaneously. They will be functional by August-end," C K Sreenath, Deputy General Manager, Smart-grid and Electric Vehicles, BESCOM, said. "Twelve will be at BESCOM divisional and sub-divisional offices, with DC fast charging units. The rest with AC charging units will be located at BMTC Traffic Transit Management Centres, and premises of offices such as BBMP, BDA, RTO, etc," he added.

While the fast charging unit will take 90 minutes to power a car, the AC units will takes six hours to charge a car and 90 minutes for a two-wheeler.

The 12 spots at BESCOM offices are KR circle, Anand Rao Circle, Indiranagar, Old Airport Road, Katriguppe, Yelahanka, BTM, Banaswadi, Kengeri, HSR, RR Nagar and Rajajinagar. Those at BMTC TTMCs in Shantinagar and Vijayanagar aim to help people with last mile connectivity.

Source: Indian Express May 18, 2019

BCIC INFORMATION DIGEST



	Mechanical Data (Width x Height)	Advertisement Tariff (Monthly)	
Full Page	18 cm x 26 cm	Back cover (Colour)	Rs. 7,500/-
Half Page	18 cm x 13 cm	Inside front cover Colour	Rs. 5,000/-
Book Size	21 cm x 29.7 cm	Back inside Cover (Colour)	Rs. 5,000/-

BESCOM Proposes 750 Electric Vehicle Charging Points in State

BENGALURU: In a bid to encourage use of electric vehicles, Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM) has sent a proposal to Ministry of Power to set up 750 electric vehicle charging stations across Karnataka. BESCOM suggests the project be implemented in three phases, starting with cities having a population of more than one million.

“Bengaluru Urban, Rural, Mysuru and Hubballi-Dharwad would be the first to get electric vehicle charging points under the initiative,” C K Sreenath, Deputy General Manager, Smart-grid and Electric Vehicles, BESCOM said. “The next phase includes the remaining 26 district headquarters in the state, followed by its implementation on state and national highways, including the golden quadrilateral. The proposal suggests setting up an electric vehicle charging point at every 25 km on either side of the road,” he added.

The proposal, made under the central government’s Fame 2 (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles) scheme, would be reviewed by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, an agency under power ministry

“We have also proposed having rest rooms, food courts and other amenities at the charging station. The locations would have charging standards suited for all kinds of electric vehicles – CHAdeMO (Japanese), Combined Charging System (European), Bharat standards (alternate and direct current) and Type 2 AC,” Sreenath said

The proposal for the `350 crore project also seeks funding from the Centre, and the cost-sharing would be worked upon depending upon the central government’s response.

The initiative will help these drivers who often suffer from ‘range anxiety’ and worry about the battery running out of power before the destination or charging point.

Source: Indian Express May 18, 2019

Government Working to Setup Start-Up Accelerators in Berlin, Bengaluru

The Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science and Technology (IT, BT and ST) department is in talks with German officials to set up Indo-German accelerators in Bengaluru and Berlin.

BENGALURU: The Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science and Technology (IT, BT and ST) department is in talks with German officials to set up Indo-German accelerators in Bengaluru and Berlin. The accelerators will serve as hubs for startups to grow their businesses, get mentorship and seed investment. They will provide access to venture capitalists and other private investors.

“The accelerators being explored by the state government would help strengthen ties between the two countries. They would enable knowledge-sharing and drive investments,” Gaurav Gupta, principal secretary, IT, BT and ST department, said, adding that it will also facilitate a German-Indian startup exchange program.

“This is also being done to promote Karnataka government's flagship programme, Bengaluru Tech Summit, to be held from November 18 to 20,” he added. A delegation from the department is currently visiting Berlin, Düsseldorf and Munich and taking part in the Asia Pacific Week 2019 in Berlin, which started on May 13. They will engage with officials in Germany for startup engagement. So far, they have had discussions with Dr Hinrich Tholken, ambassador, special envoy for International Digital Policy and Digital Transformation, Federal Foreign Office, Germany, to share the digital trends and policies in Bengaluru. They also held discussions with Mukta D'Tomar, Indian ambassador to Germany.

“The state is keen on developing global innovation alliances, where we can connect to innovation hubs across the globe,” Gupta added. Separate discussions were held with Asia-Pacific Forum Berlin, SAP Labs Network, the Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry and several dignitaries.

Source: Indian Express May 16, 2019

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation and DULT in Talks for Detailed Traffic Plan

BENGALURU: The Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) and Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation are considering drawing up a comprehensive traffic plan, which includes a traffic action proposal put forth by the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP).

“We will select one corridor, for example, Balyappanahalli to ITPL, and see how to improve speed of vehicles, increase use of public transport, and resolve issues concerning street vendors, pedestrians, parking, and merging or diversion of traffic. BTP has proposed a 10-year action plan for steering traffic management issues, which we will incorporate in the study,” DULT Commissioner V Ponnuraj said.

The study will start in two months, and the final report with an action plan will be prepared in six months.

The traffic police department has submitted a letter to DULT over the need for an action plan. “We have requested DULT to create standardised prototypes of signalised and non-signalised junctions, assess traffic flow on important roads, and improve junction designs at four-, three-road and T-junctions,” P Harishekar, Additional Commissioner of Police (Traffic), said.

The BTP has also proposed a pedestrian safety audit. “We have asked for a prototype for bus bays for places with various road width. We have asked them to study requirement of infrastructure such as underpasses, skywalks, flyovers, and multi-level parking,” he added.

The plan will help create certain standard prototypes, which can be sent to the civic agencies when they build new roads and junctions, instead of the ad hoc approach followed now, Ponnuraj said.

Roads under BTP action plan

Tumkur Road, Kanakapura Road, Bannerghatta Road, Mysore Road, Old Madras Road, Bellary Road, Hosur Road, Magadi Road.

Source: Indian Express May 14, 2019

Elevated Corridor Will Cut Travel Time: KRDCL

BENGALURU: Even after many protests by citizens and environmentalists on the elevated corridor project, Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) has issued a release stating that they strive to ease traffic woes of the city with the elevated corridor.

KRDCL said that the project will be implemented in four phases and is designed to alleviate congestion, provide unhindered travel and reduce travel time. "The government is looking at an integrated answer to address the transport issues. The proposed elevated corridor project that we are undertaking will be a critical component of the solution. This along with the existing suburban train network, current and proposed metro network, flyovers, ROB's and ring-roads will significantly reduce the woes of people of Bengaluru. This will serve as a boon to Bengaluru's transport infrastructure which is bursting from what it seems today," said Managing Director KRDCL B S Shivakumar.

Shivakumar also added: "Hebbal to Silk Board takes the average person 100 minutes and the simple 15 kilometres from Hebbal to Lalbagh takes 60 minutes. Further, peak hour traffic is increasing and office timings no longer remain rigid. The proposed North-South, East-West, and centrally based elevated corridors will ease out traffic congestion all over our city. These will be constructed as 87.87 kilometre of multi-lane roads which will ensure that it will take no longer than 45 minutes to reach any part of the city. Once the first phase is completed, the travel time from Hebbal to Silk Board junction will be reduced from 100 minutes to 35 minutes".

These elevated roads will have a dedicated bus lane and bus stops at 3 kms interval making public transport points more accessible. These time-saving corridors also are structured to save lives. They will be closed to two and three-wheelers reducing accidents. Lesser signals and bottlenecks will also reduce the idle time of vehicles and thus make the air less polluted and reduce the carbon footprint of Bengaluru, the KRDCL said.

However, the citizens still stand strong against the project. "The Chief Minister of Karnataka responded to the massive citizen protest on March 16 even before the protest ended and committed to a public consultation. The High Court stayed the elevated corridor project because it didn't go through MPC. I have no idea what KRDCL is trying to convey now," said member of Citizens for Bengaluru Srinivas Alavilli.

Source: Indian Express May 11, 2019

BBMP to Call for Tenders on 14 New Routes to Ease ITPL Traffic

BENGALURU: With an aim to decongest traffic towards ITPL tech park, Whitefield, and after a two-and-a-half-year delay, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will finally call for tenders for developing new routes by the end of this month. "We are preparing the Detailed Project Report (DPR) right now," Someshkar S, chief engineer (road infrastructure), BBMP, said.

The Rs 80 crore project involving 14 alternative routes had been approved by the Siddaramaiah government. The project is expected to commence in August this year. "Once the work starts, it will take six to eight months for its completion," said Someshkar. BBMP officials say the change in government had put the project on hold even though an action plan was sent by the civic agency to the government. The 14 routes covering 43 km will help provide better alternative connectivity to ITPL and surrounding areas. These roads are expected to take the pressure off ITPL Main Road, where Metro work has led to bottlenecks.

"All these routes include road widening, adding new roads and improvement of existing roads. We had discussed the finalisation of these routes with the traffic police, citizens, and urban experts and how to go about it," said Jayashankar Reddy, executive engineer, Mahadevapura zone, BBMP, who is project in-charge.

The work will also include remodelling of footpath, drainage and uniform carriage ways. Now, Whitefield and ITPL are accessed mainly through two arterial roads – ITPL Main Road and HAL Airport Road.

Civic agency to start Rs 700 crore projects

BBMP has agreed to take up projects worth about Rs 700 crore, as per recommendations made by the traffic police, which had recently conducted a survey to check ways to ease congestion. The BBMP project is likely to start in three months. A few projects will start early, including development of 206 raised pedestrian crossings, 86 skywalks and shifting of nine bus bays. "It is better to start early as traffic is increasing every day," P Harishekar, additional commissioner of police, traffic, said. However, Praveen Lingalah, executive engineer, said the idea of 34 pedestrian underpasses is not feasible. "People don't even use the existing ones, and some are also locked," he said, adding that medians and street lights will be put up.

Source: Indian Express May 19, 2019

KIA Reaches New Heights with over 33 Million Passengers Last Year

BENGALURU: The Kempegwoda International Airport (KIA) on Monday released the data of Bengaluru International Airport for 2018-19. The airport reported a growth in passenger traffic, with the figure reaching 33.30 million passengers, compared to previous year's 26.91 million. Of this, 28.80 million were domestic passengers, while 4.48 million were international travellers. Passenger traffic registered a 23.8% growth in the 2018-19 financial year, compared to the previous fiscal year.

The airport, considered as one of the fastest growing airports in the world, has witnessed an exponential growth in passenger traffic. The BIAL – operator of the airport – has undertaken Rs 13,000 crore capacity expansion to cater to the long-term demands of the aviation market in India. This includes the first-phase construction of a 255,000-sqm Terminal 2, an advanced Cat-IIIB Code-F Capable Runway and a landside expansion, which is expected to give the airport a substantial capacity boost, once ready.

“Until the first phase of the new terminal is ready in 2021, BIAL will continue to make technology enhancements to ease congestion,” a release stated. Hari Marar, MD & CEO of BIAL, said that creating a smooth and pleasant travel experience for passengers remains his top priority. “Passengers at KIA have come to associate our airport with a high quality travel experience. Maintaining this experience poses a challenge, given the growth in passenger volumes we are currently witnessing. However, with careful hourly capacity management and investment in new technology, BIAL is committed to provide this to the best of our ability.”

“Meanwhile, work on the second runway and terminal, as well as other supporting infrastructure is on at full throttle. All this will provide the airport sufficient capacity to meet the demand over the next decade,” Marar added.

Source: Indian Express April 23, 2019

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING

Press Information Bureau
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers
Delhi

June 28, 2019

Use of Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture

Government has set a target of doubling of farmers' income by the year 2022. The Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee to examine issues relating to doubling of farmers' income and recommend a strategy to achieve doubling of farmers' income in real terms by the year 2022.

The committee has, inter-alia, appreciated the role of Digital Technology, which can play a transformational role in modernizing and organizing how rural India performs its agricultural activities. The technologies include Artificial Intelligence, Big Data Analytics, Block chain Technology, Internet of Things etc. By use of the modern/advance technologies and Artificial Intelligence (AI) and giving accurate and timely information regarding crops, weather and insects etc. to the farmers may improve the crop productivity, reduce the risk and improve the income of the farmers. Major technology interventions include:-

- i. Development of Kisan Suvidha mobile application to facilitate dissemination of information to farmers on the critical parameters viz., Weather; Market Prices; Plant Protection; input Dealers (Seed, Pesticide, Fertilizer) Farm Machinery; extreme weather alerts; Soil Health Card; Cold Storages & Godowns; Veterinary Centres and Diagnostic Labs. With market information, farmers are better informed about markets to sell produce, prevailing market prices and quantity demanded in the market. Thus, they can make informed decisions to sell produce at the right price and right time.
- ii. Development of 'Farm Machinery package for Different Agro-Climatic Zones in India' mobile application, which gives information on farm machinery package available for state-wise, agro-climatic zone wise, district-wise, cropping pattern wise and power source wise.
- iii. Development of 'My Cipheth' mobile application to help farmers to get precise information regarding the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) developed post-harvest technologies, products and machineries.

- iv. ICAR has also compiled more than 100 mobile apps developed by ICAR, State Agricultural Universities and Krishi Vigyan Kendras and uploaded on its website. These mobile apps developed in the areas of crops, horticulture, veterinary, dairy, poultry, fisheries, natural resources management and integrated subjects, offer valuable information to the farmers, including package of practices, market prices of various commodities, weather related information, advisory services, etc.
- v. Development of mKisan Portal (www.mkisan.gov.in) for sending advisories on various crop related matter to the registered farmers through SMSs.
- vi. Launching of e-National Agriculture Market initiative to provide farmers an electronic online trading platform.
- vii. Introduction of Soil Health Card Scheme to assist State Governments in providing Soil Health Cards to all farmers across the country once in a cycle of 2 years. Soil health card provides information to the farmers on nutrient status of their soil along with recommendations on appropriate dosage of nutrients to be applied for improving crop productivity and soil fertility.
- viii. Using machine learning process along with different computer algorithm for crop classification and area estimation.

The Government has also set up 713 Krishi Vigyan Kendras and 684 Agricultural Technology Management Agencies at district level for dissemination of technologies among farm community. In addition, farmers are provided information through Focused Publicity Campaigns, Kisan Call Centres, Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres of entrepreneurs, Agri Fairs and exhibitions, Kisan SMS Portal, etc.

ECONOMIC AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

**Press Information Bureau
Ministry of Corporate Affairs
New Delhi**

June 7, 2019

Ministry of Corporate Affairs & SEBI Enter into Pact to Tighten Regulatory Oversight

A formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for data exchange between the two regulatory organizations here today. The MoU was signed by Shri K.V.R. Murty, Joint Secretary, MCA and Smt. Madhabi Puri Buch, Whole Time Member, SEBI in the presence of senior officers from both the organisations.

The MoU comes in the wake of increasing need for surveillance in the context of Corporate Frauds affecting important sectors of the economy. As the private sector plays an increasingly vital role in economic growth, the need for a robust Corporate Governance mechanism becomes the need of the hour.

The MoU will facilitate the sharing of data and information between SEBI and MCA on an automatic and regular basis. It will enable sharing of specific information such as details of suspended companies, delisted companies, shareholding pattern from SEBI and financial statements filed with the Registrar by corporates, returns of allotment of shares, audit reports relating to corporates. The MoU will ensure that both MCA and SEBI have seamless linkage for regulatory purposes. In addition to regular exchange of data, SEBI and MCA will also exchange with each other, on request, any information available in their respective databases, for the purpose of carrying out scrutiny, inspection, investigation and prosecution.

The MoU comes into force from the date it was signed and is an ongoing initiative of MCA and SEBI, who are already collaborating through various existing mechanisms. A Data Exchange Steering Group also has been constituted for the initiative, which will meet periodically to review the data exchange status and take steps to further improve the effectiveness of the data sharing mechanism.

The MoU marks the beginning of a new era of cooperation and synergy between the two regulators.

**Press Information Bureau
Ministry of Corporate Affairs
New Delhi**

June 18, 2019

CCI Begins Market Study in E-Commerce in India

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) is conducting a Market Study on E-commerce in India ('Study'). In view of the rapid growth of electronic commerce ('e-commerce') and the rising importance of online trade in a large number of goods and services in India, the study will allow the CCI to develop a better understanding of the functioning of e-commerce in the country and its implications for markets and competition.

The preliminary findings of the study will be presented at a Workshop to be held in the end of August 2019. All relevant stakeholders will be invited to share their views and deliberate on identified issues at this workshop. The final study report is expected to be published in the third quarter of 2019-20.

The e-commerce study is 20th in the series of market studies that have been conducted by the CCI till date. Market studies contribute significantly to the capacity of competition authorities in appreciating competitive dynamics in markets and can also form a useful basis for competition advocacy. The e-commerce study does not form part of any investigation and/or inquiry in any of the proceedings pending before the CCI. The study of e-commerce is necessary given the novel issues and challenges that digital markets bring forth for competition regulation.

The objectives of the study on e-commerce in India are:

1. to study market trends with a particular focus on emerging distribution methods and strategies in response to ecommerce
2. to understand business practices and contractual provisions in ecommerce, their underlying rationale and implications for competition.
3. to identify impediments to competition, if any, relating to ecommerce.
4. to ascertain enforcement and advocacy priorities for the CCI in e-commerce

The study is a combination of desk research, market survey and stakeholder consultation. Qualitative and quantitative information is being collected from secondary and primary sources. Designed by a

market study team at the CCI, it is being implemented by an external agency that has been engaged for the purpose. The study team is holding consultation meetings with enterprises and industry associations followed by a questionnaire survey amongst a range of stakeholders throughout the country.

The enterprises concerned include e-commerce platforms, manufacturers, wholesalers/ retailers, hotels, restaurants and payment systems. The study intends to cover such products where the growth of online commerce has been the most significant, including both goods (such as electronics, mobiles, lifestyle etc.) and services (travel & hospitality, food delivery). The focus areas of the study include the emerging trends in business models and distribution mechanisms, market structure and business practices including contractual provisions and vertical restraints.

Issue of Certificate of Origin

Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC) has been authorized by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) to issue the Certificate of Origin (Non Preferential) to exporters for products manufactured in India. This Certificate is an integral part of the export document process.

MEMBERS	Rs.60 per Certificate of Origin
NON - MEMBERS	Rs.120 per Certificate of Origin

Contact : Mr. Prithvi
Secretary



Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce
No. 3/4, 3rd Floor, C Block, Unity Buildings, JC Road, Bangalore - 560 002
| Phone (91) (080) 22223321, 24-25 | Fax: (91) (080) 22232233 | Website : www.bcic.in

FINANCE

**Press Information Bureau
Ministry of Finance
New Delhi**

May 24, 2019

**CBDT Issues Notification for Amendment of Form No. 15H of the
Income-tax Rules, 1962**

Sub-section (1C) of section 197A of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (the Act) read with rule 29C of the Rules, inter alia, provides that no deduction of tax shall be made in case of a resident individual, who is of the age of sixty years or more, if he furnishes a declaration in Form 15H to the person responsible for paying any income of the nature referred to in section 192A, 193, 194, 194A, 194D, 194DA, 194EE, 194-I or 194K, to the effect that the tax on his estimated total income will be nil.

Further, Note 10 to Form No 15H provides for non-acceptance of declaration if the amount of income of the nature referred to in section 197A(1C) or the aggregate of the amounts of such income credited or paid or likely to be credited or paid during the previous year in which such income is to be included exceeds the maximum amount which is not chargeable to tax after allowing for deduction(s) under Chapter VIA, if any, set off of loss, if any, under the head "income from house property" for which the declarant is eligible.

Section 87A of the Act has been amended vide Finance Act, 2019 which provides that a resident individual, having total income up to Rs. 5 lakh, shall be entitled to a rebate of an amount being the amount of tax chargeable or Rs. 12,500/-, whichever is less.

However, at present, the note 10 of Form 15H does not take into account the maximum allowable rebate of Rs 12,500/- provided under section 87A as above, which is available to the assessee in respect of the tax calculated on income, there could be cases, where, though income of the assessee would be above the minimum amount chargeable to income-tax, tax liability may be nil after taking into account the rebate available under section 87A. Deduction of tax in such cases may cause undue hardship to senior citizens.

Accordingly, Income-tax Rules, 1962 have been amended by way of insertion of proviso in Note 10 of Form No 15H and have already been notified vide Notification No G.S.R. 375(E) dated 22nd May, 2019, so as to provide that the person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 15 of Part I shall accept the declaration in the case of the assessee, being a senior citizen, who is eligible for rebate of income-tax under section 87A, and his/her tax liability is nil after taking into account this rebate.

**Press Information Bureau
Ministry of Corporate Affairs
New Delhi**

June 4, 2019

CBDT Extends due Date for Filing of TDS Statement in Form 24Q

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) had earlier notified amended Form 24Q for filing TDS statement by deductors of tax vide Notification No. 36/2019 dated 12th April, 2019. Subsequently, the File Validation Utility (FVU) for online filing of Form 24Q was updated by NSDL on 21st of May, 2019. With a view to redress genuine hardship of deductors in timely filing of TDS statement in Form 24Q on account of revision of its format and consequent updating of the File Validation Utility for its online filing, CBDT has ordered the following:

- (i) Extended the due date of filing of TDS statement in Form 24Q for financial year 2018-19 from 31st of May, 2019 to 30th of June, 2019 and
- (ii) Extended the due date for issue of TDS certificate in Form 16 for financial year 2018-19 from 15th of June, 2019 to 10th of July, 2019.

Order dated 04.06.2019 issued under section 119 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 to this effect is available on www.incometaxindia.gov.in.

Issue of Certificate of Origin

As you are all aware, Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC) has been authorized by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) to issue the Certificate of Origin to exporters for the products manufactured in India. This Certificate is an integral part of the export document.

We hereby request you to kindly utilize this unique service offered by the Chamber. The Secretariat has been strengthened effectively to provide you the Certificate within the shortest time keeping in mind your utmost requirement and convenience.

We therefore earnestly request you to avail this facility and also give us an opportunity to serve you and interact on a regular basis.

For Members we charge Rs.60/- per certificate

For Non Members we charge Rs.120/- per certificate

**Press Information Bureau
Ministry of Corporate Affairs
New Delhi**

June 11, 2019

Transition Plan to the New GST Return

The GST Council in its 31st meeting decided that a new GST return system will be introduced to facilitate taxpayers. In order to ease transition to the new return system, a transition plan has been worked out. The details of the indicative transition plan are as follows:-

- i. In May, 2019 a prototype of the offline tool has already been shared on the common portal to give the look and feel of the tool to the users. The look and feel of the offline tool would be same as that of the online portal. Taxpayers may be aware that there are three main components to the new return – one main return (FORM GST RET-1) and two annexures (FORM GST ANX-1 and FORM GST ANX-2).
- ii. From July, 2019, users would be able to upload invoices using the FORM GST ANX-1 offline tool on trial basis for familiarisation. Further, users would also be able to view and download, the inward supply of invoices using the FORM GST ANX-2 offline tool under the trial program. The summary of inward supply invoices would also be available for view on the common portal online. They would also be able to import their purchase register in the Offline Tool and match it with the downloaded inward supply invoices to find mismatches from August 2019.
- iii. Between July to September, 2019 (for three months), the new return system (ANX-1 & ANX-2 only) would be available for trial for taxpayers to make themselves familiar. This trial would have no impact at the back end on the tax liability or input tax credit of the taxpayer. In this period, taxpayers shall continue to fulfil their compliances by filing FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-3B i.e. taxpayers would continue to file their outward supply details in FORM GSTR-1 on monthly / quarterly basis and return in FORM GSTR-3B on monthly basis. Non-filing of these returns shall attract penal provisions under the GST Act.

- iv. From October, 2019 onwards, FORM GST ANX-1 shall be made compulsory and FORM GSTR-1 would be replaced by FORM GST ANX-1. The large taxpayers (i.e. those taxpayers whose aggregate annual turnover in the previous financial year was more than Rs. 5 Crore) would upload their monthly FORM GST ANX-1 from October, 2019 onwards. However, the first compulsory quarterly FORM GST ANX-1 to be uploaded by small taxpayers (with aggregate annual turnover in the previous financial year upto Rs. 5 Crore) would be due only in January, 2020 for the quarter October to December, 2019. It may be noted that invoices etc. can be uploaded in FORM GST ANX-1 on a continuous basis both by large and small taxpayers from October, 2019 onwards. FORM GST ANX- 2 may be viewed simultaneously during this period but no action shall be allowed on such FORM GST ANX-2.
- v. For October and November, 2019, large taxpayers would continue to file FORM GSTR-3B on monthly basis. They would file their first FORM GST RET-01 for the month of December, 2019 by 20th January, 2020.
- vi. The small taxpayers would stop filing FORM GSTR-3B and would start filing FORM GST PMT-08 from October, 2019 onwards. They would file their first FORM GST-RET-01 for the quarter October, 2019 to December, 2019 from 20th January, 2020.
- vii. From January, 2020 onwards, all taxpayers shall be filing FORM GST RET-01 and FORM GSTR-3B shall be completely phased out.

Separate instructions shall be issued for filing and processing of refund applications between October to December, 2019.

**Press Information Bureau
Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises
Delhi**

June 4, 2019

ICAT Releases India's 1st BS – VI Certificate in Two Wheeler Segment

International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) released India's first Type Approval Certificate (TAC) for Bharat Stage - VI (BS – VI) norms for the two wheeler segment in New Delhi today.

The certificate was released and handed over by Director ICAT, Dinesh Tyagi to top officials of the OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturers).

Speaking on this occasion Dinesh Tyagi said that this is India's first certification in the two wheeler segment for the BS – VI norms that are the latest emission norms as notified by the Government of India. He said that ICAT has taken many steps in providing assistance and support to the automotive industry for the development, optimization and calibration of engines and vehicles for complying with these upcoming emission norms.

Bharat Stage norms are the automo

tive emission norms which the automotive manufacturers have to comply to sell their vehicles in India. These norms are applicable to all two wheelers, three wheelers, four wheelers and construction equipment vehicles.

To curb growing menace of air pollution through the vehicles emission, the Government of India has decided to leapfrog from the exiting BS – IV norms to the BS- VI, thereby skipping the BS – V norms, and to implement the BS – VI norms with effect from 1st April 2020. Only those vehicles will be sold and registered in India from 1st April 2020 onwards, which comply to these norms. The norms are stringent and at par with global standards.

Last year, ICAT issued the approval for BS –VI norms to M/s Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicles for the Heavy Commercial Vehicle segment which was also the first in its segment in India.

ICAT is the premier testing and certification agency authorized by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for providing testing and certification services to the vehicle and component manufacturers in India and abroad. It has the latest equipment, facilities and capabilities to develop, validate, test and certify the engines and vehicles for the latest norms in the field of emission and many other facilities like crash lab, NVH lab, EMC lab and test tracks.

LABOUR / COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

**Press Information Bureau
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Delhi**

March 7, 2019

Commerce & Industry Minister Meets Industry Stakeholders on E-Commerce & Data Localization

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry & Railways, Piyush Goyal is holding a meeting with Industry stakeholders on e-Commerce and data localization in New Delhi today.

Common issues for discussion include opportunities for India in the growing digital economy, value addition in Indian GDP due to advent of e-commerce, understanding data flows from four aspects – privacy, security, safety and free choice, ownership and sharing of data, gains and costs of cross border flow of data and means to monitor use of data.

Issues like strengths and weaknesses of Indian companies who may benefit from e-commerce, threats from large foreign competition, level playing field and impact of anti-competitive practices such as predatory pricing and other discriminatory practices are expected to come up for discussion during Commerce Minister's meeting with Indian e-Commerce companies. Gains and costs of cross border flow of data, ownership and sharing of data and efficiency gains and losses on utilizing Indian data servers, emails, clouds are likely to be deliberated during his meeting with e-Commerce companies.

Anticipated increase in costs and efficiency losses due to data localization, timeline to create a data infrastructure to comply with data localisation norms and developing Indian data servers, clouds, emails: Scope, coverage, advantages, disadvantages, costs and gains are some of the issues which may figure during Piyush Goyal's meeting with Indian IT companies. Anticipated increase in costs and efficiency losses due to data localization, monitoring use of data from lens of privacy, security, safety and choice and efficiency gains and losses on utilizing Indian data servers, emails, clouds are the issues on the agenda of the Minister's meeting with foreign IT firms.

The meeting is being attended by Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Som Prakash, Secretary, DPIIT, Secretary, Department of Commerce, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Deputy Governor of RBI, B.P. Kanungo, senior officers from Ministry of External Affairs, Department of Commerce & DPIIT. Representatives of e-Commerce companies are attending the meeting.

**Press Information Bureau
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Delhi**

June 4, 2019

Ease of Doing Business Assessment

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), in coordination with Central Ministries/Departments and Governments of States/Union Territories (UTs), has taken several reform measures with an aim to improve regulatory environment and facilitate doing business in India. The details of action taken in this regard are given below:

A. World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Assessment

The World Bank released the Doing Business Report (DBR), 2019 on 31st October, 2018. India ranks 77 among 190 countries assessed by the Doing Business Team. India has leapt 23 ranks over its rank of 100 in the DBR 2018. The DBR is an assessment of 190 economies and covers 10 indicators which span the lifecycle of a business. The indicator wise rank of India in World Bank's DBR 2019 is as follows:

S. No.	Indicator	Rank
1.	Starting a Business	137
2.	Dealing with Construction Permits	52
3.	Getting Electricity	24
4.	Registering Property	166
5.	Getting Credit	22
6.	Protecting Minority Investors	7
7.	Paying Taxes	121
8.	Trading Across Borders	80
9.	Enforcing Contracts	163
10.	Resolving Insolvency	108
Overall		77

Some of the major indicator wise reforms undertaken by the Government towards easing the business environment in the country are as under:

(i) Starting A Business:

The minimum capital requirement for public and private company has been eliminated under the Companies (Amendment) Act, 2015.

- a. Introduced a single form SPICe (Simplified Proforma for Incorporating Company electronically) by merging five different applications in it i.e. Name reservation, Company incorporation, Director Identification Number (DIN), Permanent Account Number (PAN) and the Tax Deduction/Collection Account Number (TAN).
- b. Introduced an e-form AGILE (Application for registration of the Goods and Services Tax Identification Number (GSTIN), Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) registration plus Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) registration). Any applicant, if he wants to register for any of these bodies, can fill in e-form AGILE and get registration at the time of company incorporation itself. This form enables a user to apply for GST, EPF and ESI registration with the SPICe form.
- c. Launch of a new and simplified web based service i.e. R.U.N. (Reserve Unique Name) for reserving a name. This has also removed the requirement to use a Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) during name reservation.
- d. Incorporation fee reduced to zero for companies with authorized capital up to INR 15 lakhs
- e. The requirement to issue a physical PAN card has been eliminated. Additionally, PAN and TAN are mentioned in the Certificate of Incorporation (Col) which is considered as a sufficient proof for PAN and TAN.
- f. Online and common registration for EPFO & ESIC is provided on Shram Suvidha Portal.
- g. Registrations under Mumbai Shops & Establishments Act are provided in real time without any cost and any inspection
- h. Eliminated the requirement of bank account details for GST registration

(ii) Dealing with Construction Permits:

- a. An online single window system has been introduced in Delhi (By Municipal Corporations in Delhi) and Mumbai (By Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai) integrating internal and external departments, removing requirement of visiting them individually.
- b. Unified building bye-laws 2016 have been introduced in Delhi.
- c. Deemed approvals have been introduced in Delhi, if approvals are not granted within defined timelines.
- d. Risk based classification of buildings has been introduced for fast tracking building plan approval, inspection and grant of occupancy-cum-completion certificate.
- e. Requirement of submitting notarized certificates or affidavits for building plan approval has been replaced with e-undertaking in Delhi.
- f. Multiple inspections at completion stage have been replaced by single joint inspection in Delhi.
- g. Road cutting and restoration for water and sewer connections have been simplified.

(iii) Getting Electricity:

- a. Procedures for internal wiring inspection by the Electrical Inspectorate (in Delhi) have been eliminated.
- b. In Delhi, service line charges have been capped to INR 25,000/- in electrified areas for Low Tension loads up to 150 KW.
- c. Time taken by the utility to carry out external connection works has been reduced in Delhi.

iv. Getting Credit:

Secured creditors are paid first during business liquidation, and hence have priority over other claims such as labor and tax.

v. Paying Taxes:

- a. 17 indirect Central and State taxes have been replaced with a single indirect tax, Goods and Service Tax (GST), for the entire country. The previous sales taxes including the central sales tax, CENVAT, state VAT and the service tax have been merged into the GST. Unification of these taxes will reduce the cascading effect of taxes and make taxes paid on inputs creditable to a higher percentage.

- b. Corporate income tax has been reduced from 30% to 25% for companies with a turnover up to INR 250 crore.
- c. Electronic System for payment of Social Security Contributions has been introduced enabling easier return payment.
- d. Making payment of EPF has been made mandatory electronically.
- e. Administrative charges on The Employees' Provident Funds Scheme, 1952 (EPFS) have been reduced in March 2017 from 0.85% to 0.65% of the monthly pay. The Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance (EDLI) administrative charges of 0.01% have been removed.

vi. Trading Across Borders:

- a. Time and cost to export and import has been reduced through various initiatives, including the Implementation of electronic sealing of containers, upgradation of port infrastructure and allowing electronic submission of supporting documents with digital signatures.
- b. Enhancement of risk-based inspections for both imports and exports, whereby only about 5% of goods are physically inspected.
- c. Advance Bill of Entry has been adopted which allows importers to start the process of customs clearance before the arrival of the vessel.
- d. Equipment on the Nhava Sheva Port in Mumbai has been upgraded by adding 15 new Rubber Tyre Gantry Cranes. The Phase 1 of the Fourth Container Terminal at the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, with an additional annual capacity of 2,400,000 TEUs, was completed in February 2018.
- e. The new container terminal, Adani CMA Mundra Terminal Private Limited has been fully operational since June 2017, with an additional annual capacity of 1,300,000 TEUs.
- f. e-Sanchit, an online application system, under the Single Window Interface for Trade (SWIFT) has been implemented. It allows traders to submit all supporting documents electronically with digital signatures.

vii. Enforcing Contracts

- a. National Judicial Data Grid has been introduced which makes it possible to generate case measurement report on local courts.
- b. The Commercial Courts Act 2015 has been amended to reduce the pecuniary jurisdiction of commercial courts from INR 1 crore to INR 3 lakhs to establish commercial courts at the District Level. This will help in speedier disposal of commercial disputes and reduce pendency.

viii. Resolving Insolvency

- a. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 has been adopted that introduced a reorganization procedure for corporate debtors and facilitated continuation of the debtors' business during insolvency proceedings.
- b. Professional institutions have been established for effective handling of restructuring and insolvency proceedings.
- c. Time-bound resolution process is done under the IBC and liquidation is the last resort.
- d. Section 42 of the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code 2016 has been amended to provide that a creditor has the right to object to decisions of the liquidator accepting or rejecting claims against the debtor brought by the creditor itself and by any other creditor.

B. Implementation of Business Reforms by States/UTs

1. The Department spearheaded a dynamic reform exercise that commenced in 2014 to rank all the States/UTs in the country based on implementation of designated reform parameters.
2. The aim of this exercise is to create a conducive business environment by streamlining regulatory structures and creating an investor-friendly business climate by cutting down red tape.
3. DPIIT also developed an online portal, which can be accessed at <http://eodb.dipp.gov.in>, wherein all the reforms implemented are accessible for public viewing. The portal also gives dynamic ranking which updates, as and when, any of the reform points are recognized and approved.
4. In 2017, the reform exercise was updated to 372 action points with additions introduced such as Central Inspection system, Trade License, Registration under Legal Metrology, and Registration of Partnership Firms & Societies.
5. **Initiatives taken by DPIIT for the reform process:**
 - i. A nationwide workshop was held on 29th July, 2017 to discuss the relevance and importance of implementing reforms. The all-day conference witnessed an active involvement of almost 100 participants from 26 States/UTs. The workshop witnessed sharing of the best practices by States/UTs
 - ii. A unique handholding method was introduced where leading States were partnered with laggard States/UTs. West Bengal merits a special mention for its effort for conducting a 3-day workshop for Nagaland
 - iii. Priority reforms was identified for North east States and others with low implementation score

- iv. 8 workshops were conducted along with the World Bank to address queries posed by States/UTs in Tripura, Punjab, Haryana, Daman & Diu, Dadra Nagar Haveli, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Goa and Karnataka
- v. To handhold all the 8 north-eastern States, video conferences were arranged.
- vi. The assessment of States/UTs under Business Reform Action Plan, 2017-18 was released jointly by DPIIT and the World Bank on 10th July, 2018.

6. Some important achievements under the exercise for 2017-18 are:-

- i. 19 States have designed an Information Wizard providing information for all approvals, licenses, registrations timelines, and procedure to establish business/industrial unit (pre-establishment & pre-operation).
- ii. 21 States/UTs have designed and implemented online Single Window System.
- iii. 16 States/UTs have stipulated Construction Permits to be provided within 45 days (Building plan approval to be provided in 30 days/ Plinth level inspection to be completed in 7 days, final occupancy certificate provided in 8 days). Telangana, Assam and Tamil Nadu have mandated even shorter timelines of 29, 30 and 37 days, respectively. Tamil Nadu has claimed to have done away with the process of issuance of completion certificate.
- iv. 21 States/UTs have implemented a GIS system to provide details about the land earmarked for industrial use across the State
- v. 23 States/UTs have reduced the number of documents required for Obtaining Electricity connection to only 2
- vi. 18 States/UTs have brought all compliance inspections conducted by Labour, Factories, Boilers Departments and Pollution Control Boards under Central Inspection Framework
- vii. 12 States/UTs have merged of the payment of court fees and process fees into a single transaction with some states like Jharkhand, Maharashtra, and Gujarat even repealing process fees from the Court Fees Act
- viii. 29 States/ UTs have notified a list of white category industries exempted from taking pollution clearances.
- ix. 20 States/UTs implementing an online application system Wholesale Drug License and Retail Drug License (Pharmacy).
- x. 18 States/UTs have online systems for Registration of Partnership firms and Societies,
- xi. 20 States/UTs have implemented an online system for registration and renewal under the Legal Metrology Act, 2009.

7. Business Reform Action Plan 2019 for States: -

- i. An 80-point Action Plan, 2019 has been prepared by DPIIT and shared with all the States and UTs for implementation of reforms.
- ii. As capacity building initiatives, 7 workshops have been conducted in Union Territories (Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Delhi, Chandigarh, Daman & Diu, Puducherry, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep).
- iii. 8 regional workshops have been conducted in Lucknow (North Region), Kolkata (East Region), Mumbai (West Region), Bengaluru (South Region) and Guwahati (North-eastern Region).

8. District Reform Action Plan: A comprehensive 218-point District Reform Plan has been prepared and shared with the State Governments with a request to implement the same in the districts. The Action Plan is spread across 8 areas: Starting a Business for Construction, Urban Local Body Services, Paying Taxes, Land Reform Enabler, Land Administration and Property Registration Enablers, Obtaining Approval, Miscellaneous and Grievance Redressal/Paperless Courts and Law & Order.

Issue of Visa Recommendation Letter

Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC) has been successfully offering the following services to its Members / Non - Members at a very nominal fee for more than three decades. Since BCIC has excellent working relationships with all the High Commission/Trade Offices, it is needless to mention that our recommendation has its own credibility that would expedite the process of Visa issuance.

MEMBERS	Rs.240 per Letter	Please send in your request to the mail ID visaletters@bcic.org.in
NON - MEMBERS	Rs.360 per Letter (Introduction Letter of any BCIC member is mandatory)	

Contact : Mr. Prithvi
Secretary



Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce

No. 3/4, 3rd Floor, C Block, Unity Buildings, JC Road, Bangalore - 560 002

| Phone (91) (080) 22223321, 24-25 | Fax: (91) (080) 22232233 | Website : www.bbic.in

**Press Information Bureau
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises
Delhi**

June 24, 2019

Plan to Increase the Number of MSMEs in the Country

The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises is striving to increase the number of micro and small industries in the country on a sustainable basis through implementation of various schemes and programmes. The Ministry provides better credit facility, technology upgradation and skilling to boost the entire MSME eco-system.

Followings are the major schemes being implemented by Ministry of MSME:

(i) Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP): This is a credit-linked subsidy programme aimed at generating self-employment opportunities through establishment of micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector by helping traditional artisans and unemployed youth. The Scheme was launched during 2008-09. A total of 5.45 lakh micro enterprises have been assisted with a margin money subsidy of Rs.12074.04crore, providing employment opportunities to an estimated 45.22 lakh persons since PMEGP's inception till 31.03.2019.

An amount of Rs. 2247.10 crore has been allocated under PMEGP for financial year 2019-20 which is substantially higher with respect to allocation in earlier financial year which would further lead to increased number of units assisted and employment generation.

(ii) Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI): It is a cluster-based scheme for development of khadi, village industries and coir clusters by providing them with improved equipment, common facilities centres, business development services, training, capacity building and design and marketing support, etc. SFURTI Scheme has been revamped in 2015. A total of 34,791 artisans have benefitted with an assistance of Rs. 143.15 crore during 2018-19.

(iii) A Scheme for Promotion of Innovation, Rural Industry and Entrepreneurship (ASPIRE): was launched on 18.3.2015 to set up a network of technology centres and to set up incubation centres to accelerate entrepreneurship and also to promote start-ups for innovation and entrepreneurship in agro-industry. Under ASPIRE, 74 Livelihood Business Incubation (LBI) centres and 11 Technology Business Incubators have been approved since inception of the scheme.

(iv) Coir Board: Ministry of MSME, through Coir Board, is also implementing various Schemes/programmes to assist entrepreneurs to set up new Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in all coconut producing states. Under Coir Vikas Yojna, 36,30,653 employment opportunities have been created since 2014-15 till 2018-19 in the Coir Sector.

(v) Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE): The scheme facilitates credit to the MSE units by covering collateral-free credit facility (term loan and /or working capital) extended by eligible lending institutions to new and existing micro and small enterprises. The Scheme has extended guarantee cover to over 35 lakh enterprises leading to approx. 1 crore employment generation. During FY 2018-19, a total of 4,35,520 proposals have been approved providing guarantee to a tune of Rs. 30,168 crore.

(vi) Credit linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS): CLCSS facilitates technology upgradation of small scale industries, including agro & rural industrial units by providing 15% upfront capital subsidy (limited to maximum of Rs.15.00 lakhs). Since inception of the scheme in 2000-01 till date, a total of 62,827 MSE units have been assisted utilizing subsidy of Rs.3888.13 crore.

During 2018-19, a total of 14,155 MSE units have been assisted utilizing subsidy of Rs. 980.44 crore.

(vii) Micro & Small Enterprises-Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP): The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India (GoI) has adopted the Cluster Development approach as a key strategy for enhancing the productivity and competitiveness as well as capacity building of Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) and their collectives in the country. A cluster is a group of enterprises located within an identifiable and as far as practicable, contiguous area and producing same / similar products / services.

During 2018-19, 17 Common Facility Centres and 11 Infrastructure Development projects have been established.