

1.6. Externally Aided Projects

Road Sector Project

1.6.1. The Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project is funded by World Bank. The Project is effective from 31.10.2003 to 31.3.2009. The total Loan amount is Rs.2160 crore. The objective of the project is to improve quality and sustainability of the State's core road network. The Project activities are (i) Upgradation of 742 Km of Roads, (ii) Maintenance of 2000 km of Roads and Road safety and (iii) Institutional Strengthening and Policy Development. The cumulative expenditure from 2002-03 to 2005-06 at current prices is Rs.394.70 crore. The anticipated expenditure for 2006-07 is Rs.334.02 crore and proposed outlay for 2007-08 is Rs.600 crore.

Technical Assistance for Economic Reforms

1.6.2. The Technical Assistance for Economic Reforms Project is effective from 1.10.2003 and the closing date is 31.12.2007. The total Loan amount is Rs.5.6 crore. The World Bank with the agreement of Government of India carried out a Country Procurement Assessment with a view to improve transparency, efficiency, accountability of the system of procurements. Tamil Nadu was one of the three States taken up for the detailed study. The Project activities are (i) Creation of Procurement Cell, (ii) Draft, circulate, finalize, publish a set of Standard Bid and Contract Documents, (iii) Revise Finance, Public Works and Account Codes and other manuals, (iv) Phasing out of reservation/preferences to SSIs/ PSUs, (v) Procurement of Consultant and other professional services in the Act and Rules, (vi) Review of Act and Rules and (vii) Training Institutions and Training courses, etc. The cumulative expenditure from 2002-03 to 2005-06 at current prices is Rs.1.83 crore. The anticipated expenditure for 2006-07 is Rs.1.55 crore and proposed outlay for 2007-08 is Rs.1.94 crore.

Technical Education Quality Improvement Project

1.6.3. The Tamil Nadu Technical/ Engineering Education Quality Improvement Project is being implemented from 12.4.2004 and the closing date of the project is 30.6.2008. The total cost of the project is Rs.96.16 crore. The programme aims to upscale and support ongoing efforts of

Government of India to improve quality of Technical Education and enhance existing capacities of the institutions to become dynamic, demand-driven, quality conscious, efficient and forward looking, responsive to rapid economic and technological development occurring both at National and International levels. The Project activities are (i) Promotion of Academic Excellence, (ii) Improvement in Institutional Governance and Management and Administrative Practices, (iii) Improvement in Teaching, Training and Learning Facilities, (iv) Improvement in Curricular Practices, (v) Faculty and Staff Development, (vi) Enhancement in Postgraduate Education and Research, and Consultancy activities, (vii) Networking of Institutions for Quality Enhancement and Resources sharing and (viii) Enhancing Quality and Reach of Services to Community and Economy. The cumulative expenditure from 2002-03 to 2005-06 at current prices is Rs.25.57 crore. The anticipated expenditure for 2006-07 is Rs.38.19 crore and proposed outlay for 2007-08 is Rs.32.40 crore.

Health Systems Project

1.6.4. The World Bank - assisted Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project is being implemented from 31.01.2005 and the closing date of the project is 30.09.2010. The total cost of the project is Rs.597.15 crore. The goal of the project is to improve the health outcomes of the people of Tamil Nadu especially the poor and disadvantaged. The objective of the programme is to significantly improve the effectiveness of the public health care system in Tamil Nadu through (i) improved service delivery especially for the poor and tribal groups, (ii) addressing key health challenges including NCD like cancer cervix, CVD, (iii) improved management and quality of care at hospitals and (iv) enhanced efficiency in public sector. The cumulative expenditure from 2002-03 to 2005-06 at current prices is Rs.44.26 crore. The anticipated expenditure for 2006-07 is Rs.130.85 crore and proposed outlay for 2007-08 is Rs.214.73 crore.

Empowerment and Poverty Reduction Vazhndu Kaatuvom Project

1.6.5. The World Bank - assisted Tamil Nadu Empowerment and Poverty Reduction Project is effected from 30.9.2005 and the closing date is

30.09.2011. The loan amount is Rs.717.12 crore. The goal of the project is to strengthen the efforts of the government of Tamil Nadu to reduce the incidence of rural poverty. The objective is to improve the livelihoods and empower the target rural poor in Tamil Nadu (particularly women and other disadvantaged groups) through (i) Developing and strengthening pro-poor local institutions/groups (including village panchayats), (ii) Building skills and capacities of the poor and (iii) Financing productive demand – driven sub project investments The cumulative expenditure from 2002-03 to 2005-06 at current prices is Rs.2.18 crore. The anticipated expenditure for 2006-07 is Rs.43.70 crore and proposed outlay for 2007-08 is Rs.132.00 crore.

Emergency Tsunami Reconstruction Project

1.6.6. The World Bank – assisted Emergency Tsunami Reconstruction Project commenced from 12.5.2005 and the closing date is 30.04.2008. The loan amount is Rs.2602.17 crore. The major components of ETRP are (i) Housing Reconstruction, (ii) Restoration of Livelihood, (iii) Public Buildings and Public Works, (iv) Technical Assistance and Training and (v) Implementation Support. The cumulative expenditure from 2002-03 to 2005-06 at current prices is Rs.36.33 crore. The anticipated expenditure for 2006-07 is Rs.363.13 crore and proposed outlay for 2007-08 is Rs.526.75 crore.

Tsunami Emergency Assistance Project

1.6.7. The ADB – assisted Tsunami Emergency Assistance Project commenced from 1.06.2005 and the closing date is 31.10.2008. The loan amount is Rs.625.31 crore. The main objective of the Project is to support the efforts of the State Government to accelerate economic growth and poverty alleviation in the Tsunami affected areas. The Project activities includes restoration of livelihoods, rehabilitation of tsunami damaged roads and bridges, ports and harbours, restoration of water supply and sanitation, rehabilitation/upgradation of municipal and rural infrastructure and capacity building and implementation assistance The cumulative expenditure from 2002-03 to 2005-06 at current prices is Rs.8.26 crore. The

anticipated expenditure for 2006-07 is Rs.350.81 crore and proposed outlay for 2007-08 is Rs.223.25 crore.

Tamil Nadu Urban Development Project-III

1.6.8. The World Bank – assisted Tamil Nadu Urban Development Project-III is effective from 17.10.2005 and the closing date is 30.09.2010 and the loan amount is Rs.1884.22 crore. The objective of the project is to improve the delivery of urban services by enhancing the quality of urban infrastructure and strengthening the institutional and financial framework. The cumulative expenditure from 2002-03 to 2005-06 at current prices is Rs.28.12 crore. The anticipated expenditure for 2006-07 is Rs.168.58 crore and proposed outlay for 2007-08 is Rs.193.62 crore.

Post-Tsunami Sustainable Livelihoods Programme

1.6.9. The agreement for the Post-Tsunami Sustainable Livelihoods Programme was signed on 6.10.2005 and the closing date is 31.10.2013 and the loan amount is Rs.66.00 crore. The goal of the programme is to build self-reliant coastal communities, resilient to shocks and able to manage their livelihood base in a sustainable manner. This programme also aims to develop viable enterprises and resource management systems, owned and operated by poor men and women in the selected villages of Kancheepuram, Villupuram, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam, Tiruvallur and Kanyakumari Districts and supported by community and other appropriate institutions. The anticipated expenditure for 2006-07 is Rs.10.00 crore and proposed outlay for 2007-08 is Rs.10.00 crore.

Tamil Nadu Afforestation Project-II

1.6.10. The cost of the Japan – assisted Tamil Nadu Afforestation Project-II is Rs.567.42 crore. Duration of the Project is from 1.4.2005 to 31.3.2013. The objective of the scheme is to achieve ecological restoration and biological upgradation of degraded forests through Joint Forest Management and on a Watershed basis. The project activities are (i) Afforestation and Integrated Tribal Development, (ii) Buffer Zone Activities for Poverty Alleviation, (iii) Provision of Basic Infrastructure Support for Field Work and (iv) Supporting activities for Forest Management, Human Resource Development,

Monitoring and Evaluation, Forest Extension, Research and Enhancement of Geographic Information System. The cumulative expenditure from 2002-03 to 2005-06 at current prices is Rs.62.38 crore. The anticipated expenditure for 2006-07 is Rs.101.37 crore and proposed outlay for 2007-08 is Rs.115.23 crore.

Hydrology II

1.6.11. The date of commencement of the Hydrology II project is 5.4.2006 and the closing date of the project period is 4.4.2011. The total loan amount is Rs.25.27 crore. The objective is to use the data stored in the Hydrological Information System (HIS Data) for the development of decision support systems for the Integrated Planning and Management of Water Resources in River Basin in Tamil Nadu. The components of the Project are (1) Consolidation of Hydrology Project -I activities, (2) Awareness, Dissemination & Knowledge Sharing, (iii) Hydrological Design Aids and (iv) Development of Decision Support Systems. The anticipated expenditure for 2006-07 is Rs.1.84 crore and proposed outlay for 2007-08 is Rs.5.71 crore.

Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation and Water Bodies Restoration and Management Project

1.6.12. The World Bank – assisted Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation and Water Resources Management Project adopting a Sub-Basin approach involving all Line Departments in the water sector is being approved by the World Bank. This Project is aimed at improving the productivity of water & agriculture and enhancing the farm income by converging the activities of the Line Departments using water in an integrated approach. The Project Development objectives are (i) to improve the efficiency of water use, (ii) to improve the sustainable Farm income and (iii) to improve Water Resources Management. The estimated cost is about Rs.2523.79 crore. The project is proposed to commence from 1.4.2007 and expected to close on 31.3.2013. The proposed outlay for 2007-08 is Rs.200.00 crore.