



Assam

Infrastructure

The state Government also proposes to implement the scheme Integrated Infrastructure Development (IID) centers which is at difference stages of clearance from the authorities. The State Government will continue its policy of construction of Industrial Estate and making available Industrial sheds, and Commercial sheds at subsidized rents to **Small and Tiny sectors industries**. The existing Industrial Estate will be revived and Industrial sheds etc. which are being occupied by industries already closed down will be got vacated and allotted to new entrepreneurs. The Government will also make a study on the working of the existing /proposed Industrial Estates/Industrial Areas/Commercial Estates/Growth Centers of the State. A common rules and procedures will be adopted for allotment of land/sheds/fixation of rent/recovery of outstanding dues/vacation of defaulting industries to ensure proper functioning.

Adequate infrastructure facilities are a pre-requisite for industrial development. The infrastructure facilities available in Assam are as follows:

Communication Infrastructure

Transportation

The major modes of transportation in Assam are roadways, railways, airways and inland waterways. At present, there are two roads cum rail bridges and one road bridge over the river Brahmaputra. Construction of a fourth bridge is about to start and feasibility report on a fifth bridge has been recently completed.

Roadways

Assam has total road length of approximately 69,000 kms. covering both metalled and non-metalled surfaces. That accounts for approximately 60% of the total road length in the North-

east. The major towns in the state are connected by National Highways. During the next five years, the Government will strive for the development of roads specifically in the industrial areas.

Railways

The total route length is approximately 2435.13 kms. Assam has a convenient railway network connecting the state to the rest of the country. Within the State, all the major towns like Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Jorhat, Nagaon, Guwahati, Tezpur, Barpeta, Bongaigaon etc. are well connected by the railway network. B.G. line connection is up to Dibrugarh and M.G. line with Haflong and Silchar.

Airways

The Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport at Guwahati is 18 km from the city centre and is well connected to New Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai. Indian Airlines, Air Sahara, Jet Airways, Air Deccan, Kingfisher Airlines, SpiceJet and Indigo fly operate regular flights to and from Guwahati. Air India also operates an international weekly flight between Bangkok and Guwahati. There are also regular intra-state air services connecting the six civil airports (Guwahati, Tezpur, Jorhat, Dibrugarh, Silchar & North Lakhimpur) of the state. Some of the tea gardens have their own air-strips and aircrafts.

Inland Water Transport

The river Brahmaputra has been declared as the 2nd National Waterway of the country. Two Government-owned organisations (Central Inland Waterways Corporation and Directorate of Inland Waterways, Assam) operate water transport services on the river Brahmaputra and Barak on a commercial basis. These services are used for the transportation of passengers and goods alike. To many places in the hinterlands, waterways are the only mode of transport.

Assam's internal waterway network connects it to Bangladesh, giving it access to the ports of Chittagong (Bangladesh), Kolkatta and Haldia (West Bengal, India). The Government has taken a major initiative for the development of port infrastructure in State.

Telecommunications

The present telecommunication network in the state is growing fast in comparison to the other parts of the country. Currently, individuals and industry alike face no problems in procuring telephone and other telecommunications facilities.

Assam has 269 telephone exchanges with approximately 1,20,000 working connections. The growth rate approximately matches the demand and the shortfall if any, is marginal. Mobile telephone services are available throughout the state.

Industrial Export Infrastructure

Software Technology Park

A Software Technology Park has been set up at Guwahati near the Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi airport. This park at Guwahati is similar to the ones set up at Noida, Bangalore,

Hyderabad and Bhubaneswar by Software Technology Park of India Ltd, a Govt. of India organization.

Export Promotion Industrial Park

Assam Industrial Development Corporation has implemented an Export Promotion Industrial Park (EPIP) at Amingaon near Guwahati in the district of Kamrup at an estimated cost of Rs. 14.62 crores. The Export Promotion Industrial Park has been developed to provide infrastructural facilities of high standard for export oriented units. The basic objectives of EPIP are :

- » To build and provide industrial infrastructural facilities in an integrated manner.
- » To encourage growth of export oriented industrial units in the state.
- » To sustain the involvement and interest of the state govt. in building and maintain such facilities.

The important features of the EPIP are :

- » The park will provide developed plots and industrial sheds with power, water, road sewerage and drainage, telecommunication and other requisite facilities.
- » The park is located at Amingaon within Greater Guwahati and adjacent to Inland Container Depot. The Guwahati Airport is 15 kms. away from the site.
- » Allotment of plots will be made to non-polluting industries only.

The total area of the park is 68.10 acres. AIDC has constructed three industrial sheds and allotted to three industrial units. Today, the park has the presence of 37 companies and firms out of which 17 have manufacturing activities.

Food Processing Park

The Government of India has sanctioned a food processing park with a total project cost of Rs. 5.95 crores. The park is being set up near Chaygaon in the district of Kamrup (rural). The implementing agency for the FP is Assam Small Industries Development Corporation Ltd.

Agri Export Zone for Ginger

The Government of India has sanctioned an Agri Export Zone for fresh & processed Ginger for the State in February, 2003. The Nodal Agency for implementing this project is Assam Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.

Industrial Growth Centres

Industrial Growth Centres with high standard infrastructure are being set up at Balipara in Sonitpur district and Matia in Goalpara. Both the growth centers would have excellent approach and internal roads, dedicated power lines, adequate water supply, communication facilities and central effluent treatment plants in addition to facilities such as banks, post office, fire station, police station etc.

Salient features of the Growth Centre at Matia

- » Total project cost : Rs. 22.00 crores

- » Total area : 700 acres (around 450 acres is being proposed to be developed)
- » 18 kms. away from the heart of the Goalpara town
- » 135 kms. away from the heart of Guwahati city
- » 110 kms. from Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi (Borjhar) International Airport
- » 18 kms. from Goalpara Railway Station

Salient features of the Growth Centre at Balipara

- » Total Project cost : Rs. 25.44 crores
- » Total area : 400 acres
- » 15 kms. away from heart of the Tezpur town
- » 200 kms. from Saloni (Tezpur) Airport
- » 7 kms. from Balipara Railway Station
- » 2 kms. away from NH - 52

IID Centre at Bhomoraguri / Naltali, District Nagaon

The Central Government has approved the setting up of an Integrated Infrastructure Development (IID) Centre at Bhomoraguri / Naltali in Nagaon district at a project cost of Rs. 510.00 lakh. The Government land measuring 41 acres has already been taken over. The foundation stone of the project was laid down on 10th January, 2001 and activities for various infrastructure developments are nearing completion.

IID Centre at Dalgaon, District Darrang

The Government of India has approved the setting up of an Integrated Infrastructure Development (IID) Centre at Dalgaon in Darrang District at a project cost of Rs. 418.00 lakh. The Government land measuring 35 acres has already been taken over and the project work is in progress and nearing completion.

New IID Centres

IID Centre at Demow, District Sivasagar

The Govt. of India has sanctioned a IID Centre at Demow in the Sivasagar District at a cost of Rs. 470.00 lakh. Land measuring 111 Bighas at Demow has been taken over for the project. The foundation stone for the project has been laid on 23rd July, 2003.

IID Centre at Malinibeel, District Cachar

The Govt. of India has sanctioned another IID Centre at Malinibeel in the District of Cachar. An area of 90 Bighas of land have already been taken over by AIDC for the project. The total cost of the project has been estimated at Rs. 510 lakh.

Proposed IID Centres

- » Titabor in the district of Jorhat
- » Rangia in the district of Kamrup
- » North Lakhimpur in the district of Lakhimpur

Border Trade Centre, Mankachar, District Dhubri

The Govt. of India has approved the setting up of a Border Trade Centre at Mankachar in j Dhubri district at a project cost of Rs. 426.00 lakh. This BTC is going to be implemented by AIDC Ltd.

Border Trade Centre, Sutarkandi, District Karimganj

The Govt. of India has approved the ssetting up of a Border Trade Centre at Sutarkandi in Karimganj district bordering Bangladesh at a project cost of Rs. 8.16 crores. The project is being implemented by Assam Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.

Border Trade Centre, Darranga, District Kamrup

AIDC has prepared a project proposal for establishment of a Border Trade Centre at Darranga bordering Bhutan considering the increasing Border Trade with neighbouring Bhutan. The project cost has been estimated at Rs. 18.00 crores. The project proposal has already been submitted to Govt. of India for its approval.