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JV Between Railways and State Governments

In order to meet the growing demands for new projects and also to expedite ongoing projects, Ministry of Railways initiated the scheme of project development, financing and monitoring through formation of Joint Ventures/SPVs with State Governments. This, inter-alia, involves surveys, preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) and getting requisite approvals, processing for sanctioning and monitoring of identified projects including last mile connectivity, capacity enhancement and station redevelopment projects. Many State Governments were requested for signing of MoUs in this regard. Consequently, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for setting up JV (Joint Venture) Companies have been signed with Maharashtra, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Chhattisgarh and Telangana. A similar JV Company is already in place for Karnataka State.

Ministry of Railways has included 13 projects in Railway Budget 2016-17 subject to requisite approvals which are proposed to be taken up on Joint Venture model. The details of the projects are:-

S. No.	Name of project	Rly	PH	Length (Km)	Cost (Rs in cr)	State
1	Vikramshila-Katareah (Pirpanthi- Naugachia)	ECR	NL	18	1601	Bihar, Jharkhand
2	Dongargarh-Kharigarh- Kawardha-Bilaspur	SECR	NL	270	2500	Chhattisgarh
3	Jeypore-Malkangiri	ECOR	NL	130	1277	Odisha
4	Jeypore-Navarangpur	ECOR	NL	38	485	Odisha
5	Chitra-Basukinath	ER	NL	37	859	Jharkhand
6	Meerut- Panipat	NR	NL	104	2200	Uttar Pradesh
7	Godda-Pakur	ER	NL	80	1723	Bihar, Jharkhand
8	Bahraich-Sravasti- Balrampur(tulsipur)	NER	NL	80	1600	Uttar Pradesh
9	Morappur and Dharmapuri new line	SR	NL	36	134	Tamil nadu
10	Indore-Manmad via Malegaon	CR	NL	368	9968	Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra
11	Indore-Jabalpur	WCR	NL	342	4320	Madhya Pradesh
12	Pune-Nashik	CR	NL	265	2425	Maharashtra
13	Guntakal- Guntur	SCR	DL	443	4000	Andhra Pradesh

Further, in anticipation of various State Governments coming forward to take up projects through Joint Venture, 30 projects (25 New Line, 2 Doubling & 3 Gauge Conversion) have been included in Capital Investment Programme of 2016-17 (incorporated as annexure to the 'Pink Book' of sanctioned works) at an anticipated cost of Rs. 58,274 crores. Details of these 30 projects are as under:-

S. No.	Name of project	Rly	PH	Length	Cost	State
				(Km)		

					(Rs in cr)	
1	Daboi-Chandod GC with extn. to Rajpipla new line	WR	GC	37	1500	Gujarat
2	Chuchapura-Navsasri- Tanakhala	WR	GC	38	500	Gujarat
3	Gadchandur-Adilabad	SCR	NL	70	1500	Maharashtra, Telangana
4	Behrampur-Sambalpur	ECoR	NL	270	5000	Odisha
5	Junagarh-Ambaguda via Navrangpur	ECoR	NL	145	2900	Odisha
6	Banspani-Barbil	ECoR	NL	17.5	350	Odisha
7	Gadwal-Macherla	SCR	NL	184	3500	Telangana, Andhra Pradesh
8	Kannur-Mattannur	SR	NL	23	400	Kerala
9	Nanjangod-Nilambur	SR	NL	236	6000	Kerala, Karnataka
10	Lumding-Dibrugarh	NFR	DL	340	5000	Assam
11	Mysore-Kushalnagar	SWR	NL	85	667	Karnataka
12	Barson-Banspani/ Narayangarh	ECoR	NL	52	1400	Odisha
13	Jaisalmer-Bhaber	NWR	NL	339	5000	Rajasthan
14	Kashipur-Dhampur	NR	NL	58	1200	Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand
15	Latur-Nanded via Loha & Ahmedpur	CR	NL	155	3100	Maharashtra
16	Parbatsar to Kishangarh	NWR	NL	45	900	Rajasthan
17	Bhiwani-Loharu	NR	NL	64	1280	Haryana
18	Dehradun-Vikasnagar	NR	NL	38	628	Uttarakhand
19	Ujjain Fatehabad	WR	GC	20	120	Madhya Pradesh
20	Urai-Mahoba	NCR	NL	90	1800	Uttar Pradesh
21	Bhind-Lahar-Konch	NCR	NL	80	1600	Madhya Pradesh
22	Jeur Ashti	CR	NL	78	1560	Maharashtra
23	Talaguppa-Siddhapura	SWR	NL	16	320	Karnataka
24	Bangarpet- Mulbagal	SWR	NL	40	800	Karnataka
25	Sakleshpur- Subramaniyam Rd	SWR	DL	60	500	Karnataka
26	Secunderabad- Zaheerabad	SCR	NL	70	1400	Telangana
27	Bodan- Bidar	SCR	NL	100	2000	Telangana
28	Jalna-Khamgaon	CR	NL	155	3000	Maharashtra
29	Talguppa- Honavar	SWR	NL	82	2500	Karnataka
30	Dharwad - Belgaum	SWR	NL	91	1850	Karnataka

The role of Joint Venture Company, inter alia, is to choose projects, identify and collaborate with its stakeholders, mobilize resources, form project specific Special Purpose Vehicle (if required). The Joint Venture can mobilize resources in the form of debt from banks/multi-lateral agencies/ Financial Institutions as debt funding by leveraging the equity or in the form of financial support from various stakeholders of the projects through the formation of project specific Special Purpose Vehicle. The project specific Special Purpose Vehicle will have equity participation of Ministry of Railways and the State Government through the Joint Venture. The Special Purpose Vehicle shall be at the liberty to arrange investment from other Stakeholders, Public Sector Undertakings, raise debt from Banks or Financial Institutions for undertaking a project.

As per the Shareholding Pattern approved by Cabinet, Ministry of Railways can have the equity participation upto 50% in the Joint Venture & State Government to have the balance equity participation.

Formation of JV Company will help in mobilization of additional resources for execution of railway projects resulting in expansion of Railway Network in the country. A railway line in any area is an engine of growth for the entire economy. It will enhance economic/commercial activities and help generate large quantum of direct & indirect employment.

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