

Transport Division

Following are the major functions of the Transport Division:

A. Transport

1. Addressing policy issues concerning railways, roads, road transport, shipping, ports, inland water transport and civil aviation for improving efficiency and making these sectors more responsive to the present and future requirements of the country.
2. Addressing inter-modal issues for improving coordination among different transport sectors and ensuring that each sector works according to its comparative advantage and efficiency.
3. Organizing Quarterly Performance Review Meetings for different transport sectors to monitor progress of transport sector projects according to Plan priorities and targets.
4. Examining Five Year and Annual Plan proposals received from the States, Union Territories and North Eastern Council in respect of transport sectors.

Specific sector-wise responsibilities are:

I. Railways

1. Study of Railways Resources position.
2. Examination and appraisal of railway projects relating to new lines, gauge conversions, doubling, metropolitan transport projects, electrification for clearance.
3. Monitoring of traffic handled by railways

II. Roads

1. Evaluation of project reports/feasibility studies for

consideration of Public Investment Board, Expenditure Finance Committee/Standing Finance Committee.

2. Examination of schemes received from the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways for clearance of the Planning Commission.
3. Review and Monitoring of National Highway Development Project.
4. Examining proposals relating to National Highway Development Project for consideration of National Highways Authority of India Board.

III. Road Transport

1. Analytical review of operations and assessment of financial resources of Road Transport Corporations of various States.

IV. Shipping

1. Analytical review of operations and assessment of financial resources of Public Sector Undertakings.
2. Assessment of financial performance of shipping industry, role of Government/financial institutions in financing acquisition and suggesting alternative measures of financing and resource mobilisation.

V. Ports

1. Evaluation of Project Reports/Feasibility Studies for consideration of Public Investment Board/Expenditure Finance Committee/Standing Finance Committee.
2. Assessing port capacities and the traffic requirements at individual ports.

VI. Inland Water Transport.

VII. Civil Aviation

1. Reviewing the Working of Public Sector Corporations like Air India, Indian Airlines, International Airports Authority of India with particular reference to growth of traffic and financial results.

(B) Construction Sector

The main responsibility of the Transport Division is to examine the policy issues relating to the construction sector and preparing Report of the Working Group on Construction Sector set up in connection with the formulation of Five Year Plan.