

III. DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRATED CHECK POSTS

Existing infrastructure available with Customs, Immigration and other regulatory agencies at the Land Custom Stations (LCSs) is generally inadequate. Support facilities such as warehouses, parking lots, banks, hotels, fuel outlets etc. are inadequate. Regulatory and support functions in an integrated manner are not available in one complex. There is no single agency responsible for co-ordinated functioning of various Government authorities/service providers.

To redress this situation, Government have decided to set up 13 Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) at identified entry points on the international land borders of the country through a Plan Scheme in the 11th Plan at an estimated cost of Rs.635 crore. The ICPs shall be a sanitized zone with dedicated passenger and cargo terminal providing adequate customs and immigration counters, X-ray scanners, passenger amenities and other related facilities like service stations, fuel stations etc. in a single modern complex equipped with state of the art amenities. An institutional framework viz. Land Ports Authorities of India (LPAI) will be established and charged with the responsibility to undertake the construction, management and maintenance of ICPs. A list of 13 ICPs proposed to be set up is as under :

Phase - I

(Rs. in crores)

| Sl. No. | Location | State | Border | Estimated cost |
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| 1. | Petrapole | West Bengal | India-B'desh | 172** |
| 2. | Moreh | Manipur | India-Myanmar | 136 |
| 3. | Raxaul | Bihar | India-Nepal | 120 |
| 4. | Attari (Wagah) | Punjab | India-Pakistan | 150 |
| 5. | Dawki | Meghalaya | India-B'desh | 50* |
| 6. | Akhaura | Tripura | India-B'desh | 60** |
| 7. | Jogbani | Bihar | India-Nepal | 34** |

Phase – II

(Rs. in crores)

| Sl. No. | Location | State | Border | Estimated cost |
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| 8. | Hili | West Bengal | India-B'desh | 78* |
| 9. | Chandrabangha | West Bengal | India-B'desh | 64* |
| 10. | Sutarkhandi | Assam | India-B'desh | 16* |
| 11. | Kawarpuchiah | Mizoram | India-B'desh | 27* |
| 12. | Sunauli | Uttar Pradesh | India-Nepal | 34* |
| 13. | Rupaidiha | Uttar Pradesh | India-Nepal | 29* |

- * The project costs of 4 ICPs viz, Petrapole, Moreh, Raxaul and Attari have been finalized by the Government. The project cost of the remaining 09 ICPs is yet to be firmed up.
- ** Joghani ICP was brought under Phase I by the ESC.

Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)

The Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) has been envisaged as a statutory body which will function as a body corporate under the administrative control of the Department of Border Management, Ministry of Home Affairs. The LPAI is expected to provide better administration and cohesive management of entry points/land ports on the land borders and would be vested with the powers on the lines of similar bodies like Airports Authority of India.

The LPAI Bill was introduced in the Parliament on 18th December, 2008 but could not be passed during the tenure of the 14th Lok Sabha due to its dissolution. The LPAI Bill was re-introduced on 7th August, 2009 and has been referred to the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee for its consideration.

The several meetings of the DRPSC were held. They have submitted the report to the Parliament. Examination of the report has been done by the Ministry and legal vetting has also been completed by Department of Law. The Cabinet has approved the Bill with certain amendments suggested by the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee. The Bill has been introduced in the Parliament for its approval.

Empowered Steering Committee (ESC)

An Empowered Steering Committee (ESC) in the Department of Border Management, MHA has been constituted as mandated by the CCS, as an interim arrangement, till the Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) comes into being. The powers and functions of the ESC, inter-alia, are engaging technical and commercial consultants/project developers, identifying builders/developers for execution/running of various ICPs, arranging funds, finalization of DPR/DER, release of funds, monitoring of projects, coordination with various Government agencies, taking administrative and financial decisions on proposals involving expenditure upto Rs.100 crore.

So far, 22 meetings of the ESC have been held. All the important decisions on matters relating to the ICPs, are being taken by the ESC.

Status of DER preparation, land acquisition, release of funds etc.

| Sl. No. | ICP location | Status of DER preparation, land acquisition, release of funds etc. |
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| 1. | Raxaul | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Union Home Minister has laid the foundation stone for the Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Raxaul on 24th April, 2010. • The total project cost for Raxaul ICP is Rs.120 crore. • DPR and DER has been completed and approved by ESC. • Land has been acquired and handed over to SSB. • Tender Notice Issued. Technical and Financial evaluation of bids approved by ESC. Work awarded to successful bidder. • Environmental clearance has been obtained for the project. • The work has commenced and the completion schedule is around 14 months. It is expected that the project will be completed by June, 2011. |
| 2. | Attari | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Foundation Stone was laid by the Home Minister on 20th February, 2010. Construction has commenced. • Detailed Project Report and Detailed Engineering Report has been completed and approved by Empowered Steering committee. Possession of land measuring 120 acres has already been taken in February, 2009. Compensation amount of Rs.33.15 crore has already been to the farmers. • Additional 10 acres of land is being taken from the State Government. • Financial bid for Attari ICP was accepted and approved by the ESC in its meeting held on 14.1.2010. Work awarded to successful bidder. Environmental clearance has been obtained. • An amount of Rs.33 crore has also been released to M/s RITES as a 1st Instalment of deposit money for development of Attari ICP. |
| 3. | Jogbani | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total project cost for Jogbani ICP is Rs. 82.49 crore. • DPR and DER has been completed and approved by ESC. • Land has been acquired and handed over to SSB. • NIT has been issued on 12.03.2010 and the bids were opened on |

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| | | <p>19.04.2010. The work has been awarded to successful bidder.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental clearances are being obtained. |
| 4. | Sunauli | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process of acquisition of 187 acre of land is under way. • Notification u/s 6(1)/17 has been issued. • Payment of Rs.9.35 crore has been paid to State Govt. of Uttar Pradesh as land compensation. |
| 5. | Rupaidiha-Nepalgunj Road | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process of acquisition of 177 acre of land has been completed. |
| 6. | Moreh | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Assam Rifles has taken over the land for Moreh ICP on behalf of MHA • Rs.21.47 crore has been released in favour of Govt. of Manipur. • Detailed Engineering Report (DER) for Moreh ICP is under preparation. • Preparation of EIA Report in respect of Moreh ICP has commenced by M/s RITES. |
| 7. | Petrapole | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land acquisition proceeding comprising of an area of 107.43 acres in respect of Mouzas-Petrapole & Pirojpur under P.S. Bongaon, Distt. North 24 Paraganas, West Bengal are underway. An amount to the tune of Rs.13.84 crore has been released in favour of State Government of West Bengal. • Detailed and Project Report (DPR) and Detailed Engineering Report (DER) for Petrapole ICP has been completed and approved by Empowered Steering Committee.. • Preparation of EIA Report in respect of Petrapole ICP has commenced by M/s RITES. |
| 8. | Hili | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State Govt. has been requested to identify the land for this purpose and their response is still awaited. Meanwhile, M/s RITES has been requested to pay site visit and discuss with the State Government officials. |
| 9. | Sutarkhandi | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State Govt. has been requested to identify the land for this purpose and their response is still awaited. Meanwhile, M/s RITES has been requested to pay site visit and discuss with the State Government officials. |
| 10. | Chandrabangha | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State Govt. has been requested to identify the land for this purpose and their response is still awaited. Meanwhile, M/s RITES has been requested to pay site visit and discuss with the State Government officials. |
| 11. | Dawki | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land inspection for identification of the site was made by Director (Border Management) on 22nd January, 2010. • Detailed and Project Report (DPR) and Detailed Engineering Report (DER) for Dawki ICP has been completed and approved by Empowered Steering Committee. • The possession of land for Dawki ICP has been taken over by Border Security Force on behalf of MHA. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land has been finalized and taken over on 22nd April, 2010. |
| 12. | Akhaura | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The present LCS has got 3 acres of land. Additional 8 acres of land has been acquired by the State Govt. for which sanction order to the tune of Rs.1.6 crore to be issued. • Detailed and Project Report (DPR) and Detailed Engineering Report (DER) for Akhaura ICP has been completed and approved by Empowered Steering Committee. • Preparation of EIA Report in respect of Akhaura ICP has commenced by M/s RITES. |
| 13. | Kawarpuchiah | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State Govt. informed that 21.6 acres (09 hectares) of land is available on 25 years lease basis. However, it has been take up with State Govt. in June, 2009 to plan for ownership of land through acquisition of land under LA Act and to indicate the compensation amount. Details are awaited from the State Govt. |