

**Embassy of India
Thimphu**

**India provides development assistance of Nu./INR 2792 million towards key
Infrastructure Projects in Bhutan.**

The Government of India released an amount of Nu./INR 2792 million in September 2022 for key development projects being implemented across Bhutan. These bilateral projects are being executed in sectors such as road infrastructure, urban development, youth development, agriculture, industrial development, health infrastructure and culture preservation.

For the 12th Five Year Plan of Bhutan, Government of India has committed an amount of Nu./INR 45000 million, which is being utilised for the implementation of 82 Project Tied Assistance (PTA) Projects, 524 High Impact Community Development Projects and Program Grant Support to the Royal Government of Bhutan. An amount of INR 4000 million is also committed towards Transitional Trade Support Facility to develop trade infrastructure and trade governance mechanisms in Bhutan.

In the current release, for the development of 379 High Impact Community Development Projects, spread across all 20 Dzongkhags of Bhutan, an amount of Nu./INR 965.25 million has been released. These Small Development Projects are being implemented by respective local governments in the fields of agriculture, health, education and community development.

An amount of Nu./INR 624.35 million has been released for the PTA Project 'Blacktopping of 20 Gewog Centre Roads'. The Project is being implemented by respective Dzongkhag administrations of Chukha, Dagana, Samtse, Mongar, Thimphu, Pemagatshel, Samdrupjongkhar, Sarpang, Trashigang and Zhemgang.

The release also includes a budgetary support of Nu./INR 425 million toward 'Program Grant', to facilitate the Royal Government in implementing its development initiatives.

Other projects supported by this release are Reconstruction of Wangduephodrang Dzong, Water Flagship Project, Construction of 150 bedded Mother and Child Hospital - Thimphu, Waste Flagship Project, Development of Sports infrastructure in Bhutan, Government Initiated Network Project, Development of Dhamdhum Industrial Park, Augmentation of existing Technical Training Institutes & Institutes of Zorig Chusum to Vocational colleges and the Construction of Talingthang to Dramaling road.

The Government of India remains firmly committed to working together with the Government and the people of the Kingdom of Bhutan in advancing our close and unique ties of friendship and cooperation.

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