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BORDER CHECK-POSTS TO GO SMARTER AND FASTER

MAHARASHTRA TO MODERNIZE 32 BORDER CHECK-POSTS, RESPITE FOR TRANSPORTERS



Assuring 100% clearance with speedy and hassle-free procedures, the State Government has ventured into Rs. 1000.00 Crores project of Modernization and Computerization of 32 Border Check-Posts in the State. The modernization project is aimed at giving total facelift to the existing Border Check-Posts in terms of making them the State-of-Art technological models. The new Border Check-Posts, will be clubbing together functions of Transport, Sales-Tax and Excise Department under one roof thus giving respite to the transporters from often time-consuming and tedious Border Check-Posts clearance formalities.

The Modernization and Computerization of Integrated Border Check-Posts will use modern electrical and electronic instruments and appliances, such as electronic Weigh Bridges, Video Cameras etc; which will be connected to the Central Control Room with the State-of-Art Data Centre in Mumbai. Lanes with Operator Booth, Administrative Building, Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID), Video Cameras in each line, Dormitory building with mess facility, Godown Building for storage of goods, hostel building for officers, Residential Quarters, Parking facility will be some of the innovative features of the new Border Check-Posts. Over and above, there will also be a modernized facility centre with Dhabas/ Eateries, Mechanic shops, Auto spare shops, fuel pumps, STD/PCO/Cyber Café, shops for daily needs and even Bank and AT M Centre facilities.



DELIBERATIONS FOR EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION



**IMPLEMENTATION TEAM WITH SANTOSH KUMAR
JOINT MANAGING DIRECTOR - II AT THE HELM**

It is learnt that totally 32 Border Check-Posts will be modernized and computerized including 24 Border Check-Posts of Transport Department and 8 new Border Check-Posts of Department of Sales-Tax and State Excise. The project will be based on BOT (Build, Operate and Transfer) basis with the estimated cost of Rs. 1000.00 Crores. Each modernized border check-post is expected to be completed within 18 months time from the date of handing over of land. While MSRDC will be the Project Implementing Agency, Maharashtra Border Check Post Network Limited will work as a Concessionaire and SAI Consulting will be the consulting Engineers. 9 out of 24 Modernized Border Check-Posts are already operational.

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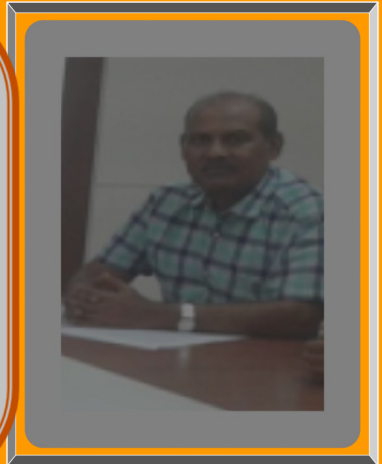
“The Modernization and Computerization of Border Check-Posts project has become a ‘Benchmark’ for other States like Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and Chattisgarh who have approached MSRDC seeking guidance and expertise as these States intent to implement similar type of project in their respective States. Maharashtra is the ‘Pioneer’ State to go for a project of such nature”. :

Santosh Kumar

Joint Managing Director - II, MSRDC

“MSRDC, the creator of unique and iconic projects like Rajiv Gandhi Sea Link (Bandra-Worli Sea Link), Yashwantra Chavan Expressway (Mumbai-Pune Expressway) and 55 Flyovers in Mumbai has always been on forefront in being the partners in the progress of Maharashtra. The Modernization and Computerization of Border Check-Posts project could be said to be a step forward in the direction of the nationwide initiative of MAKE IN INDIA”.

B.N. Ohol - Chief Engineer , MSRDC



“ Our major problem in speedy expedition of this project is acquiring encumbrance-free land, however, despite all odds, our progress is more than satisfactory. It is indeed a great satisfaction to work on the project of such nature which has already earned the recognition and appreciations of other States of India. When you are seen as ‘Pioneers’, expectations go high with added responsibilities, so there is no room for compromising with ‘performance’. Needless to say that it is a Team Work and our team including Shilpa Patil , has been doing excellent work under the able guidance of Santosh Kumar - Joint Managing Director—II, B.N. Ohol - Chief Engineer and S.G. Deshmukh - Superintending Engineer”.

Muktesh Wadkar - Executive Engineer , MSRDC



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