

F. India Country Operations Business Plan (COBP) 2012-2014 — Broad Direction

12. ADB's investment commitment to India, on a full facility basis, will be \$1.95 billion in 2012, \$2.2 billion in 2013, and \$2.1 billion in 2014 as per the approved COBP for 2012-14. The TA program is closely aligned with the loan program.

13. The indicative program for 2012-14 focuses on inclusive and sustainable growth, and is in line with ADB's CPS for India. The program not only remains in line with the Government's focus on inclusive and sustainable growth, it also contributes to the key sectors and themes identified by recent 12th Five-Year Plan documents as needing more attention: agriculture, water resources, environment, skills, and infrastructure development. More specifically, the program supports investments that promote and sustain livelihoods and inclusive growth through water resources development; skills and human resource development and an expanded share of ADB operations in the economically weaker and geographically excluded states. The proposed share of ADB operations in Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, and Uttarakhand – states with poverty rates ranging from 32% to 57% in 2005, the most recent year for which official poverty rates are available – is projected to increase from 22% in 1986-2011 to 38% in 2012-14. Environmentally sustainable growth would be promoted through climate change adaptation measures while efficient service delivery will be ensured through sustainable infrastructure development.

14. The projects in the indicative program seek to bring about enhanced value addition through innovations in project design, streamlining of business processes, transfer of best practices, and support for PPPs. They support institutional strengthening, improvement of systems and processes, establish enabling policy frameworks, introduce innovative technologies, enhance service standards and O&M sustainability through state-of-the-art best practices, results based financing, transfer of regional best practices, and promotion of PPPs.