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महाराष्ट्र विधानमंडळाचे अधिनियम व राज्यपालांनी प्रख्यापित केलेले अध्यादेश व केलेले विनियम आणि विधि व न्याय विभागाकडून आलेली विधेयके (इंग्रजी अनुवाद).

In pursuance of clause (3) of article 348 of the Constitution of India, the following translation in English of the Maharashtra Infrastructure Development Enabling Authority Ordinance, 2018 (Mah. Ord. VII of 2018), is hereby published under the authority of the Governor.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

RAJENDRA G. BHAGWAT,

I/c. Secretary (Legislation) to Government, Law and Judiciary Department.

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Mantralaya, Madam Cama Marg, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk, Mumbai 400 032, dated the 23rd February 2018.

MAHARASHTRA ORDINANCE No. VII OF 2018.

AN ORDINANCE

to provide for the establishment of the Maharashtra Infrastructure Development Enabling Authority, to regulate the process of submission and evaluation of unsolicited proposals, to promote and facilitate infrastructure projects in the State of Maharashtra including through Public Private Partnership; and matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

WHEREAS, both Houses of the State Legislature are not in session;

AND WHEREAS, the Governor of Maharashtra is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action to make a law, for the establishment of the Maharashtra Infrastructure Development Enabling Authority, to regulate the process of submission and evaluation of unsolicited proposals, to promote and facilitate infrastructure projects in the State of Maharashtra including through Public Private Partnership; and matters connected therewith or incidental thereto;

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NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of article 213 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Maharashtra is hereby pleased to promulgate the following Ordinance, namely:—

CHAPTER I

Preliminary

Short title and ment.

- 1. (1) This Ordinance may be called as the Maharashtra Infrastructure commence- Development Enabling Authority Ordinance, 2018.
 - (2) It shall come into force at once.
 - 2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires,—
 - (1) "Authority" means the Maharashtra Infrastructure Development Enabling Authority constituted under sub-section (1) section 3;
 - (2) "Designated Officer" means the officer of the State Government appointed under sub-section (2) of section 5;
 - (3) "Government" or "State Government" means the Government of Maharashtra:
 - (4) "Government Agency" means and includes any instrumentality of the State Government;
 - (5) "Government Authority" means and includes the Authorities established by the State Government;
 - (6) "Infrastructure Project" or "Project" means a Project in the Infrastructure Sector, for any development, re-development or restructuring of an existing Infrastructure Projects, or any under construction Infrastructure Projects, including those have been awarded prior to the commencement of the Ordinance by any Government Authority or Government Agency or Local Authority or Government Company; or development, operation and maintenance; or operation and maintenance of any infrastructure facility in the Infrastructure Sector, for the purposes of creation of infrastructure asset, or delivery of public services and shall include a facility of similar nature and substantial expansion thereof;
 - (7) "Infrastructure Sector" means the Infrastructure Sectors prescribed in rules;
 - (8) "innovative financing" means the financing at the rate below Repo Rate declared by the Reserved Bank of India, from time to time;
 - (9) "Local Authority"—
 - (i) in relation to the Zilla Parishad means the Zilla Parishad constituted under the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayats Mah. V Samitis Act, 1961;

of 1962.

(ii) in relation to the Municipal Corporation means the Municipal Corporations constituted under the Mumbai Municipal III of 1888. Corporation Act or, as the case may be, the Maharashtra Municipal LIX of Corporations Act;

1949.

(iii) in relation to the Municipal Council, Nagar Panchayat or Industrial Township means the Municipal Council, Nagar Panchayat or Industrial Township, as the case may be, constituted Mah. XL under the Maharashtra Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats and of 1965. Industrial Townships Act, 1965; or

(iv) any other authority treated as Local Authority under any other law for the time being in force;

- (10) "Maharashtra Infrastructure Projects Policy" means the policy declared by the State Government, from time to time, for promotion and development of Infrastructure Projects, including Public Private Partnerships in Infrastructure Sectors;
- (11) "Original Project Proponent" means a person who has submitted the Unsolicited Proposal to the Authority and declared as Original Project Proponent under sub-section (3) of section 8;
- (12) "Person" includes any Private Sector Participant or Public Sector Participant, company or body corporate or association or body of individuals, whether incorporated or not;
- (13) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under the Ordinance;
- (14) "Private Sector Participant" means any Person other than a Public Sector Participant;
- (15) "Project Entrepreneur" means the Person to whom the project has been assigned after final bid and declared as Project Entrepreneur by the Authority under sub-section (3) of section 14;
- (16) "Public Private Partnerships" means a mode of procurement of Infrastructure Projects through a combination of public and private participation:
- (17) "Public Sector Participant" means and includes,— (a) Central Government, State Government, Government Agency, Government Authority, Government Company or Local Authority; or (b) any joint venture by any Public Sector Participant with Private Sector Participant;
- (18) "regulations" means regulations made by the Authority under the Ordinance;
 - (19) "rules" means rules made under the Ordinance;
- (20) "Transaction Advisor" means a person appointed by the Government Authority, Government Agency or Local Authority under sub-section (1) of section 18;
- (21) "Unsolicited Proposals" means the proposals in Infrastructure Sectors, for promotion and development of Infrastructure Projects as per the Maharashtra Infrastructure Projects Policy of the Government with innovative ideas, new concepts, new or modern technologies, submitted by any Person under sub-section (1) of section 6.

CHAPTER II

Establishment And Composition OF AUTHORITY.

- **3.** (1) As soon as may be, after the commencement of the Ordinance, Establishment the State Government shall, by notification in the Official Gazette, establish of Maharashtra a Authority to be called the Maharashtra Infrastructure Development $\underline{\underline{\underline{Infrastructure}}}$ Enabling Authority, to exercise the powers conferred on it and perform the functions assigned to it under the Ordinance.
- (2) The Authority shall be a body corporate by the name aforesaid having perpetual succession and a common seal, with the power, subject to the provisions of the Ordinance, to acquire, hold and dispose of property, both moveable and immoveable, to do all things incidental and necessary for the purposes of the Ordinance, and to contract and may by name sue or be sued.
- (3) The head office of the Authority shall be at such place as the State Government may specify.

Development Enabling Authority.

Composition of Authority.

- **4.** (1) The Authority shall consist of the Chief Secretary and Additional Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary or Secretary, as the case may be, of the Departments of the State Government, as may be specified by the Government, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, from time to time.
- (2) The Government may appoint such other expert Members in such field as may be prescribed.
- (3) The Chief Secretary shall be the Chairperson and Secretaries of the Departments shall be the *ex officio* Members of the Authority.
- (4) The Secretary of the concerned Department, of whose the project pertains shall act as the Member-Secretary of the Authority.

Powers and functions of Authority.

- **5.** (1) The Authority shall exercise the following powers and perform the following functions, namely:—
 - (a) to receive all proposals and certify whether the project qualifies to be the Infrastructure Project, keeping in mind the overall objectives of the State Government and the provisions of the Maharashtra Infrastructure Projects Policy;
 - (b) to receive, consider and process the proposals for development of the Infrastructure Projects and to recognize and grant the status of 'Original Project Proponent' or 'Project Entrepreneur', as the case may be;
 - (c) to facilitate co-ordination between the Government Authority, Government Agency, Local Authority or the concerned Department of the State Government, and the Original Project Proponent or Project Entrepreneur, as the case may be;
 - (d) to promote the competitive bidding of the Infrastructure Projects;
 - (e) to select Project Entrepreneur for the implementation of Infrastructure Projects by making appropriate recommendations to the Government Authority, Government Agency, Local Authority or the State Government;
 - (f) to identify and leverage inter-sectorial or inter-project linkages;
 - (g) to recommend and approve standard form of documents relating to the Infrastructure Projects;
 - (h) to identify and encourage use of new concepts, new technologies, intellectual property rights in the Infrastructure Projects;
 - (i) to resolve issues relating to the approvals of the Infrastructure Projects;
 - (j) to recommend time limit for approval of Infrastructure Projects;
 - (k) to periodically review the status of the Infrastructure Projects;
 - (l) to approve sectorial policies and model contract principles;
 - (m) to discharge such other functions as may be prescribed.
- (2) The Authority may appoint officers of the Government as the Designated Officers for the purposes of implementing the provisions of the Ordinance.
- (3) The Authority may in respect of the specific Infrastructure Project, delegate its functions to the concerned Department of the Government or Government Authority, the Government Agency or the Local Authority, as the case may be, in such manner as may be prescribed.

- (4) The Authority shall advise the State Government on all or any of the following matters, namely:—
 - (a) formulation of the Maharashtra Infrastructure Projects Policy;
 - (b) promotion and use of new concepts, new ideas, innovation, efficiency and economy in harnessing the proposals, awarding contracts and overall development of Infrastructure Projects in the State;
 - (c) promotion of investment in the Public Private Partnerships;
 - (d) any other matter referred to the Authority by the State Government.
- (5) The Authority shall ensure transparency while exercising its powers and discharging its functions.

CHAPTER III

Infrastructure Projects Delivery Process

6. (1) Any Person desirous of developing any Infrastructure Project in Procedure for the Infrastructure Sectors, shall submit the proposal to the Authority in such Infrastructure form, in such manner, with such documents and with such details along with Projects delivery. such fee as may be prescribed.

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- (2) On receipt of the proposal under sub-section (1), the Authority shall, on the basis of the information furnished to it, ascertain whether such proposal is, prima facie, a Unsolicited Proposal and qualifies to certify as the Infrastructure Project specified in the rules and is in consonance with the overall objectives of the State Government and to the provisions of the Maharashtra Infrastructure Projects Policy.
- (3) The Authority shall not qualify such proposal as Infrastructure Project, if such proposal,—
 - (a) contravenes any existing laws;
 - (b) results in the creation of a monopoly;
 - (c) is less than the value of the Infrastructure Project as prescribed;
 - (d) is out of the Infrastructure Sectors or sub-sectors as prescribed;
 - (e) requires viability gap funding; or
 - (f) does not involve use of modern technology, or new concept or innovative financing.
- (4) If the Authority is satisfied that the proposal is in consonance with the overall objectives of the State Government and the provisions of the Maharashtra Infrastructure Projects Policy, the Authority may grant a Certificate to the Person in the prescribed format. If the proposal is not approved, the Authority shall communicate its decision to such Person with reasons.
- (5) If the Authority is satisfied that the proposal submitted by the Person under sub-section (1) is adequate to declare as the 'Original Project Proponent', the Authority may, with the prior approval of the Government, declare such Person as the 'Original Project Proponent' under clause (b) of sub-section (3) of section 8, for such Infrastructure Project.
- (6) The Authority shall take the decision within such period as may be prescribed.
- (7) When the Certificate is granted under sub-section (4), the Authority shall seek further information as may be prescribed, pertaining to such proposal from such Person. Such Person shall submit the information online to the Authority in such manner and within such period as may be prescribed.

Grounds of rejection of proposal.

- 7. The Authority may reject the proposal if,—
- (i) such proposal does not fulfil the eligibility criteria provided under section 13; or
- (ii) such Person fails to furnish the appropriate information or documents or the clarifications sought by the Authority, within the time communicated to it; or
- (iii) the information or documents submitted by such Person are not in accordance with the prescribed Forms; or
- (iv) the contents or information or documents submitted are incomplete or deficient or found to be false; or
- (v) the Person has failed to make payment of the fees in the manner as may be prescribed; or
 - (vi) any other grounds as may be prescribed.

Declaration of Original Project Proponent.

- **8.** (1) The Authority shall within prescribed period, from the date of receipt of the information sought under sub-section (7) of section 6, ascertain as to whether the proposal submitted is an Unsolicited Proposal or not and as per the Maharashtra Infrastructure Projects Policy. The Authority shall while ascertaining the said proposal consider the following parameters:—
 - (a) whether such proposal addresses any public need;
 - (b) whether there is any on-going process (Public Private Partnership or otherwise) that is addressing the same public need;
 - (c) whether such proposal envisages substantial new technology or innovation or contains proprietary intellectual property rights or innovative financing or financial structuring for Infrastructure Project of a value not less than the value prescribed by the State Government, from time to time, in respect of the Infrastructure Project; which in turn,—
 - (i) enables reduction of project cost; or
 - (ii) reduces project completion time; or
 - (iii) enhances the quality of infrastructure; or
 - (iv) substantially adds value in respect of incremental, emergent or revolutionary changes in products, services and processes; or
 - (v) substantially reduces financial burden on the State Government or Government Authority or Government Agency or Local Authority.
- (2) The Authority shall also verify whether the proposal falls within the purview of any Government Authority or Government Agency or Local Authority.
 - (3) If the Authority is satisfied that,—
 - (a) the proposal is as per the provisions of the Ordinance and the rules made thereunder and as per the Maharashtra Infrastructure Projects Policy; and
 - (b) the proposal submitted by the Person under sub-section (1) of section 6, is adequate to declare such Person as the 'Original Project Proponent',

the Authority may, with the approval of the Government, declare such Person as an 'Original Project Proponent' for such Infrastructure Project.

- (4) In the event, when the Authority decides that the proposal is not,—
 - (i) an Unsolicited Proposal;
 - (ii) as per the Maharashtra Infrastructure Projects Policy; and
 - (iii) in accordance with the rules made under the Ordinance,

the Authority shall communicate its decision to such Person alongwith reasons thereof.

- (5) The declaration made by the Authority under sub-section (3), as the Original Project Proponent of the Infrastructure Project shall be valid for a period of one year.
- **9.** (1) If the Original Project Proponent agrees to the terms and Rights of conditions for such Infrastructure Project, the Original Project Proponent Original shall enter into an Agreement in such manner as may prescribed which *inter* alia, shall determine the obligations of the Original Project Proponent, representations and penalties, liquidated damages, liability, nature of concessions and benefits to be granted, etc. to the Original Project Proponent.

Project Proponent.

- (2) The nature of concessions and benefits to be granted to the Original Project Proponent shall be such as may be prescribed.
- 10. (1) The Authority shall direct the Original Project Proponent to Submission submit such Detailed Project Report (DPR), and other details within such of details of period as may be prescribed.

Project.

- (2) If the Original Project Proponent fails to submit the details of Project within the prescribed period, the Original Project Proponent will have no right over the said Project.
- 11. (1) The Authority shall, with the approval of the Government, Publication of publish the information about the provisional declaration of the Original Project Proponent for such Infrastructure Project, on the website designated by the Authority and also simultaneously in the newspapers (one in English and one in Marathi) having circulation in the area, for calling objections from the affected persons, in the manner prescribed.

provisional declaration of Project.

- (2) If objections are received from the affected persons, the Authority shall hear such objections in such manner as may be prescribed and shall take the final decision on the said Project.
- **12.** (1) The Authority shall direct the concerned Department to call Competitive the bid of the approved Project.

bids.

- (2) The procedure of the bid, notice period, technical aspects and the terms and conditions for approval of such Project shall be such as may be prescribed.
- **13.** (1) The eligibility criteria for submission of proposal by any Person Eligibility under sub-section (1) of section 6 or competitive bidder for the Project shall be such as may be prescribed.

- (2) The Person who fulfils the criteria specified in sub-section (1) shall be eligible to submit the proposal or eligible for the bid of the Project.
 - **14.** (1) If in the bid,—

Assignment of Project.

(a) the proposal of the Original Project Proponent is in deviation of 10 per cent. or more, compared to the other competitive bids received, the Authority shall grant the Project to the best competitive bidder and thereupon the Original Project Proponent will lose its status as Original Project Proponent of the said Project.

- (b) If the proposal of the Original Project Proponent has deviation of less than 10 per cent. compared to the other bidders, the Authority shall give opportunity to the Original Project Proponent to match his proposal with the proposal selected in bid.
- (2) If the Project is not assigned to the Original Project Proponent, he shall be entitled to reimbursement of the cost of the Detailed Project Report as prescribed:

Provided that, the Original Project Proponent shall be entitled to reimbursement of the cost of the Detailed Project Report only if, the Project is implemented:

Provided further that, the Original Project Proponent shall not be entitled to reimburse the cost of the Detailed Project Report, if he unilaterally withdraws the proposal.

- (3) The Person to whom the Project has been assigned, the Authority shall, with the approval of the Government, declare such person as the Project Entrepreneur of the Project.
- (4) The procedural details of assignment of the Project to the Project Entrepreneur shall be such as may be prescribed.

Agreement Entrepreneur.

- **15.** (1) If the Authority and the Project Entrepreneur agrees to the with Project terms and conditions for such Infrastructure Project, the concerned Government Authority or Government Agency or Local Authority may enter into Concession Agreement with the Project Entrepreneur as prescribed which inter alia, shall determine the obligations of the Project Entrepreneur, representations and warranties, penalties, liquidated damages, liabilities, nature of concession and benefits to be granted, etc.
 - (2) It shall be binding on the Project Entrepreneur to complete the Project within the period as per the agreement.

Nature of Concession Agreement.

- **16.** (1) The Authority may prescribe the model Concession Agreement for the purposes of the Ordinance.
- (2) The following Concession Agreement with their variations and combinations may be made,—
 - (a) design-build-operate-and-transfer; or
 - (b) design-build-own-operate-and-transfer; or
 - (c) design-build-own-and-operate; or
 - (d) develop-operate-and-transfer; or
 - (e) any other Concession Agreement as may be prescribed.
- (3) The details of the Concession Agreement specified in sub-section (1) shall be as prescribed in the regulations.

Implementation of Project.

- 17. (1) The concerned Government Authority or Government Agency or Local Authority, identified by the Authority shall be responsible for implementation of the Project either on its own or through any agency.
- (2) The Authority shall oversee that the actions carried out by such Government Authority or Government Agency or Local Authority are transparent and cause such Government Authority or Government Agency or Local Authority, report to the Authority in the manner as may be prescribed.

18. (1) The concerned Government Authority or Government Agency Appointment or Local Authority may appoint a Transaction Advisor as per the requirements of Transaction of the Project.

Advisor.

(2) The functions and duties of the Transaction Advisor shall be such as may be prescribed.

CHAPTER IV

MISCELLANEOUS

19. (1) The Authority shall provide Single Window Clearance for Single Window administering the proposals in relation to the Infrastructure Project under Clearance. the Ordinance.

- (2) The procedural details of the Single Window Clearance shall be such as may be prescribed.
- (3) The Authority shall from time to time, accept all documents, proposals and applications under the Ordinance through online mode designated by the Authority or designated by the State Government for this purpose and any such document, proposal or application so uploaded shall constitute a valid submission for the purposes of the Ordinance.
- (4) The Government and the Authority shall promote digital system and e-governance in respect of all matters of the Ordinance.
- 20. The provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000 shall apply Applicability 21 of 2000. to the information submitted by any Person or exchanged with any Person in of Information respect of any matters relating to the Ordinance.

Technology Act, 2000.

21. (1) The Authority or Government Authority or Government Agency Transparency. or Local Authority shall ensure transparency in their functioning under the Ordinance.

- (2) Any Person while submitting the proposal to the Authority under sub-section (1) of section 6 of the Act shall enter into integrity pact with the Authority.
 - (3) The details of the integrity pact shall be such as may be prescribed.
- The State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, Delegation of direct that any power exercisable by the State Government under this powers. Ordinance (except the power to make rules under section 24) shall be exercisable by an officer of the State Government, subject to such terms as may be specified in such notification.

23. The provisions of this Ordinance or the rules made thereunder Ordinance to shall have effect notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other law for the time being in force.

overriding effect.

24. (1) The State Government may, by notification in the Official Power to Gazette, make rules to carry out the purposes of the Ordinance.

make rules.

(2) Every rule made under this Ordinance shall be laid, as soon as may be, after it is made, before each House of the State Legislature, while it is in session for a total period of thirty days, which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following, both Houses agree in making any modification in rule or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, and notify their decision to that effect in the Official Gazette, the rule shall, from the date of publication of such decision in the Official Gazette, have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so however that, any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done or omitted to be done under that rule.

Power of make regulations.

- **25.** (1) The Authority may, with previous sanction of the Government, Authority to by notification in the Official Gazette, make regulations consistent with the Ordinance, generally to carry out the purposes of the Ordinance.
 - (2) The Authority shall make the regulations for the following purposes,-
 - (a) the procedure to be followed by the Authority;
 - (b) provide the standard forms of agreements and documents;
 - (c) direction to be issued to the concerned Government Authority or Government Agency or Local Authority;
 - (d) any other matters as may be prescribed.

Protection of in good faith.

26. No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against the action taken Government, Government Authority or Government Agency or Local Authority or, any officer or employee of the Government, Government Authority, Government Agency or Local Authority, for anything done or purported to have been done in good faith, in pursuance of the provisions of this Ordinance or rules or regulations made thereunder.

Power to difficulties.

- **27.** (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this remove Ordinance, the Government may, as occasion arises, by an order published in the Official Gazette, do anything not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, which appears to it to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of removing the difficulty.
 - (2) Every order made under this section shall be laid, as soon as may be, after it is made, before each House of the State Legislature.

STATEMENT

Considering the limitations on development of Infrastructure Projects through Government funding, the Government of Maharashtra *vide* Government Resolution, dated the 6th November 1996 has set up a Cabinet Committee for promoting private participation in the State's Infrastructure Projects. The said Cabinet Committee has played enabling and decision making role in respect of many projects.

- 2. Currently various Departments of State, State Undertakings and Government Authorities act as a Project Proponents. The Infrastructure Projects are selected on the basis of demands from public representatives and studies commissioned by the respective Departments, Public Undertakings and Local Authorities. While giving impetus to the implementation of the Infrastructure Projects, it has become necessary to explore all possible financial options, innovative financing, new concepts, ideas and technologies. There are limitations at the Departmental and Local Authority Levels as regards structuring of projects, identifying the best mode of financing, adoption of new concepts, ideas and modern technologies.
- 3. With the advent of digital technologies and consolidation of intellectual property rights in India, many solutions have emerged to address the complex problems faced by Infrastructure Sector. In order to strengthen the institutional mechanism required for considering use of new concepts, ideas and technologies in conceiving, developing, constructing, operating, managing and implementation of Private Partnership in the Infrastructure Sector, the concept of allowing Unsolicited Proposal has emerged as a effective solution to the Infrastructure Sectors in the modern world.
- 4. The concept of Unsolicited Proposal is now widely used in many countries and in some States in India for accepting Infrastructure Proposals of public need with new concepts, ideas and technologies. The concept of allowing Unsolicited Proposal known as "Swiss Challenge Method" is universally applicable.

Many States in India have adopted the modified version of Swiss Challenge Method by incorporating certain provisions in the law and policy mechanism to ensure transparency, competitiveness and proper execution of such projects, as per Hon'ble Supreme Court's guidelines in Ravi Development V/s Shri Krishna Pratishtan and others (2009) 7 SCC 462. Likewise, in order to explore all financial options, new concepts, ideas and technologies for development of infrastructure of public need, it is imperative to adopt method of inviting Unsolicited Proposals for Infrastructure Developments, not covered by the studies of Government Departments, Public Undertakings and Local Authorities.

5. The State of Maharashtra is one of the leading States that had embarked early upon the concept of Public Private Partnership in infrastructure projects and successfully exhibited the contribution of Public Private Partnerships in developing the State's infrastructure. The State Government recognizes the need to strengthen the institutional mechanism required for considering use of new concepts, ideas, technologies, innovative financing, know-how to meet its needs in conceiving, developing, constructing, operating, managing and implementing Public Private Partnerships in the Infrastructure Sector by encouraging the private sector participants to submit Unsolicited Proposals through a well-defined institutional mechanism. In order to ensure transparency, competitiveness, proper and timely execution of Unsolicited Proposals in the Infrastructure

Sectors, the Government considers it expedient to enact a law, so as to establish the Authority known as the Maharashtra Infrastructure Development Enabling Authority, with power to approve, advise, co-ordinate and supervise the Unsolicited Proposals in the State.

- 6. The salient features of the Ordinance are explained broadly as follows:—
 - (i) to provide for establishment of the Maharashtra Infrastructure Development Enabling Authority for approval and monitoring the Unsolicited Proposals for Development of Infrastructure for public need and its powers and functions;
 - (ii) to provide for Infrastructure Projects Delivery Process;
 - (iii) to provide for condition precedence for declaration of Original Project Proponent (OPP) and rights of the Original Project Proponent;
 - (iv) to provide for publication of provisional declaration of Infrastructure Project for calling objections and public hearing;
 - (v) to provide for innovative financing;
 - $\left(vi\right)$ to provide for invitation of competitive bids and assignment of Project ;
 - (vii) to provide for nature of concessions to the Project Entrepreneur;
 - (viii) to provide for Single Window Clearance system for Infrastructure Projects;
 - (ix) to provide for appointment of Transaction Advisor for the Project;
 - (x) to provide for transparency in the functioning of the Authority, Government Authority, Government Agency and Local Authority, in implementation of the Projects under the Ordinance.
- 7. As both Houses of the State Legislature are not in session and the Governor of Maharashtra is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action to make aforesaid provisions by a law, for the purposes aforesaid, this Ordinance is promulgated.

Mumbai,
Dated the 22nd February 2018.

CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO, Governor of Maharashtra.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

AJIT ARVIND SAGANE, Secretary to Government.