Infrastructural Challenges

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Infrastructure

Plays an important role the economic development of an economy.

Significant infrastructural services :

- Energy
- Transport
- Communication
- Education
- Health

Energy

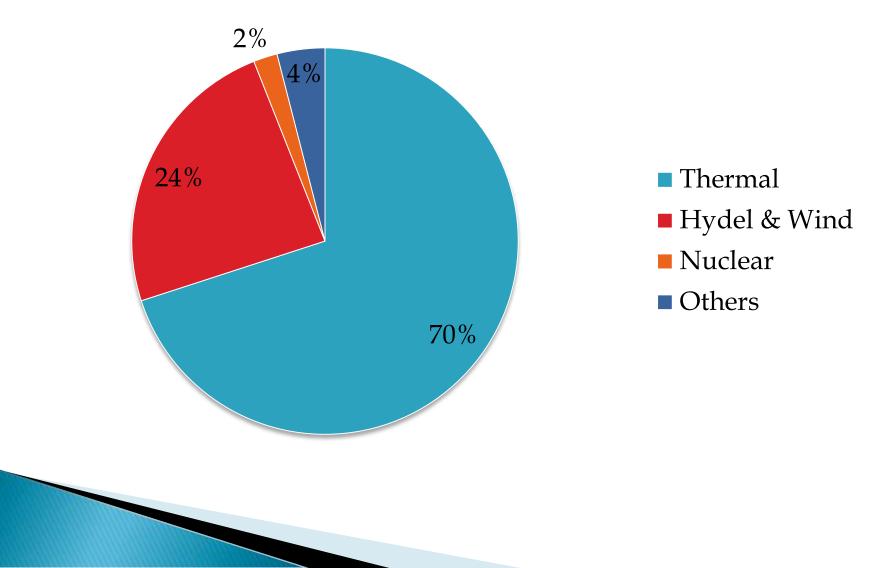
- Plays a crucial role in economic development & is an input for most of the production processes and consumption activities.
- Economic growth & demand for energy are positively correlated.
- India ranks THIRD world's largest energy producer
 5.64 per cent of world's total p/n.
- India ranks FOURTH world's largest energy consumer – 4.6 per cent of world's total c/n.
 However, India's per capita energy consumption is the lowest.

- Traditional sources of energy firewood, agricultural wastes etc...
- Rural areas depend on traditional sources of energy. (21.2% BPL – low purchasing power)
- Commercial sources of energy oil & gas, coal, nuclear power, etc...
- Primary energy resources coal used for electricity generation.
- Final energy resources consumed directly (electricity)
- Major users of electricity industry (45%), domestic (22%), agriculture (18%), commercial establishment (9%)

Sources of Electricity

- Over the years, production & consumption of electricity has increased.
- Total installed capacity 2300 MW in 1950-51; 74700 MW in 1990-91; 117800 MW in 2000-01; 329300 MW in 2016-17 (31.3% renewable sources)
- Over a period of 67 years, there has been 140 times increase in the installed capacity
- 5 major sources water (hydro-electricity), coal, oil, gas (thermal electricity) & radio active elements (uranium, thorium & plutonium) (atomic energy)

Power Generation Capacity



Central & State Governments

Central Governments –

- National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)
- National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC)
- Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd. (NPCIL)
- Central Electricity Authority
- Central Electric Regulatory Commission.

State Governments -

State Electricity Boards (SEBs)

Problems relating to Energy

Demand and supply imbalances:

demand for energy has been growing rapidly because of ;

- *growth of the economy*
- *change in the demographic structure*
- rising urbanisation
- *social-economic development*
- *self reliance in the economy.*

supply has not increased concurrently.

- Oil prices and Inflationary pressure : rising oil prices in international market OECD contributed to inflationary pressure in India mineral oil, major source of energy is imported in higher proportion.
- Growing Oil Imports Bill : responsible for large balance of trade gap. In 1990 India imported 37% of oil it consumed while in 2015 it imported a staggering 82% of consumed oil, pushing the import bill to \$120 billion and making it the energy source with the highest import dependency. (crude oil – \$72 bn).

• **Transmission and Distribution losses:** one of the major problems faced by power companies and are high in SEB systems.

T & D	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
losses	23.97	23.65	23.04	21.46	23.02	23.86

- Sick SEBs : financially sick due to free supply of power to agriculture – operational inefficiencies (PLF), high cost structure, lower power tariffs & large overdues.
- **Inadequate Electrification**: 240 million people are living without electricity 19 percent of villages not electrified.

Remedial Measures

- Electricity Act 2003 & Electricity Amendments Bill 2005 – focus on improved investment, fixing of power tariffs.
- 'Partnership in Excellence' to improve generation of power.
- *Improve & add electricity generating capacity of plants.*
- Encourage use of hydel & wind energy sources.
- Rationalisation of tariff, monitoring cost structure, optimum utilisation of existing capacity.
- Encourage private sector investment in power, permitting FDI.

- Accelerated Power Development & Reforms Programme (APDRP) 2002-03, Distribution reforms.
- National Grid to even out supply-demand mismatches.
- Ultra Mega Power Plants development of new sites.
- 'Rajiv Gandhi GrameenVidhyutikaran' 2005 Electricity to all – free electricity connections to BPL households – Rural Electrification Corporation.
- Bureau of Energy Efficiency promote energy efficient equipments.

Transportation

 Provides a useful link between production centers, distribution areas and ultimate consumers.



Indian Railways

- World's **FOURTH** largest railway network
- Total length 68,525 kms
- Electrified length 23,883 kms
- Two main segments freight & passenger.
- Revenue **Rs.1.65,068 crore** in **2016-17**
- ▶ 65% of revenue comes from Freight segment.

Problems:

- Obsolete technology
- Smaller & inadequate network vis-à-vis requirements.
- Financial crunch suffer heavy losses.
- Over crowding & poor passenger services.

Road Transport

- ▶ SECOND largest in the World 5,472,144kms
- National Highways **1.7 per cent** of total length.
- *Rural roads* 61 *per cent* of total length.

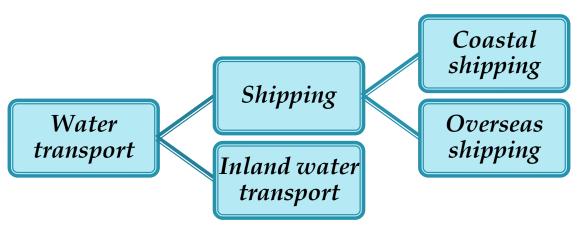
Problems:

- Inadequate road length.
- Interior areas & hilly tracts not linked.
- Large tracts of rural roads are mud roads.
- Poorly maintained financial resources, organisational inadequacies, procedural delays, shortage of materials.
- SRTC heavy losses, rising cost & inefficient operation, corruption.

Measures through **NHDP***:*

- developing Golden Quadrilateral (Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata)
- North South & East West corridors
- Port connectivity
- > PPP in roads developments
- Rationalisation of taxes

Water Transport



- India' navigable waterways 14500 kms
- Cargo transport 365.37 lakh tonnes in 2015.
- Inland Water Transport Policy to encourage private sector participation.
- *Coastline 7517 kms, 12 major ports & 200 minor ports.*
- Coastal shipping energy efficient & cheap

Factors for Poor Growth:

- *High transport costs.*
- Port delays.
- Over aged vessels.
- Lack of mechanical handling facilities.
- *Imbalance in coastal traffic movements.*
- Slow handling of cargo at ports.
- Heavy losses on shipping companies.

- ▶ *Fleet of ships* **1246** *as on* 2016.
- *Shipping tonnage 20 million GT in 2016.*
- Total traffic **647 million tonnes** in 2016.
- Kandla (Kutch district of Gujrat) top traffic handler.
 Problems:
- Low productivity
- *Operational constraints obsolete equipments*
- Inadequate dredging & container handling facilities
- Lack of proper coordination
- *Indian containers are costlier than other ports.*

Air Transport

Parts of Civil Aviation Sector :

- Operational 25 passenger airlines & 2 cargo
- Infrastructural
- Developmental

Market share of major airlines:

Operators	Market share (in %)
Indigo	39.6
Jet Airways	18.1
Air India	13.8
Spice Jet	12.9
GoAir	8.4
Vistara	3.1

- > 125 Airports in India
- > 28 International Airports
- ▶ 15 Greenfield airports

Department of Civil Aviation regulates air transport and international services are governed by Bilateral agreements

Recent Developments

- Modernisation of airports
- Development of greenfield airports Bangalore & Hyderabad
- World class standards
- *FDI upto 100 %*
- Civil Aviation Economic Advisory Council.
- Liberalisation of bilateral air services.
- *Trade facilitation measures in custom procedures*
- GPS aided GEO Augmented Navigation (GAGAN)
- Open Sky Policy to meet increasing demand



Postal Services

- *India's postal service dates back to* **1837***.*
- Largest network in the world.
- 1.55 lakh Post Offices 1.39 lakh POs Rural areas (89.67%); 15,736 POs – Urban areas
- On an average, one PO serves 8054 persons and 21.22 sq. km area.
- **27,736 POs** are computerised (plan to computerise all POs by the end of 2017).
- Limitations:
- Inadequate number of POs.
- Outdated techniques.
- Delays in reaching of postal material.

Initiatives

To improve speed & volume of transactions, a range of eenabled services are introduced:

- Speed post, express parcel post, etc...
- Electronic Money Order (eMO)
- *e-payment & Instant Money Order (IMO)*
- Mechanisation & computerisation of postal operations.
- Automatic Mail Processing Centers (AMPC) faster processing of mails – Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata. Bangalore & Hyderabad.
- *• Pick up of mails from residence.*
- Direct post promotional items direct advertising

- Logistics post & Retail post services
- Financial products –savings bank & saving certificate, postal life insurance, non-life insurance products, mutual funds, etc...
- Pilot project "Project Arrow" providing fast & reliable postal services.

Telecommunications

- India's telephone network World's SECOND largest
- a) Telephone service & b) Telex service
- ▶ 1950s 321 exchanges & 8200 connections.
- May 2017 **1074.24 million** connections.
- As on 2016 Tele density 84.09 ; rural areas 51.24; urban areas – 156.24.
- ▶ 1049.74 million cellular telephone subscribers.
- Market share 60% ; 460 million internet subscribers.
- TRAI & NIXI
- *3G, MNP, state of art technology, FDI 100%*

Health scenario in India

 Inadequate nutritional diet, medical care & unhygienic living conditions – low health standard (21.2% BPL)

Health development Initiatives :

- Increasing health services in rural areas.
- Control of communicable diseases.
- *Improvement in education & training of healthcare personnels.*
- Provision of better health & medical care services.
- Community based programmes
- Provision of hygienic living conditions.
- Opening of new health centers.
- Affordable & equitable health care.

Statistics	As on 2017
Primary Health Centers (PHCs)	28,863
Health Sub Centers	1,56,926
Doctors	7,91,000
Hospitals	1,96,312
AYUSH Hospitals	3601
Nursing Personnel	16,73,338 (regd.) 7,56,937 (auxilary)
Health expenditure	USD 160 billion
Doctor to Patient ratio	1:1674

Government Schemes

- National Rural Health Mission 2005 to provide accessible, affordable & quality health care services.
- Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs)
- Janani Suraksha Yojana to bring down MMR.
- Pradhan Mantri Swasthiya Yojana to address regional imbalances in the availability of HCs.
 Limitations:
- Unequal distribution of existing HCs.
- Mismatch between personnel & infrastructure
- Lack of appropriate referral system.

Education

National Policy on Education (NPE) 1992

- Universal access & enrolment.
- Universal retention of children upto 14 years
- Improvement in quality of education.

	As on 2017
Expenditure	79,686 crore
As per cent of GDP	3.71 %
Literacy rate	74.04 %
Drop out rate	4.7 %
GER	80 %
No. of Sec. & Hr. Sec Schools	2,44,653

Government Schemes:

- Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)
- National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL)
- Education Guarantee Scheme & Alternative & Innovative Education (EGS + AIE)
- Mid-day meal scheme
- Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV)
- Parambhik Shiksha Kosh (PSK)
- National Literacy Mission Adult education imparting functional literacy. (TLM)

Problems:

- Unplanned expansion of higher education.
- Inadequate number of institutions (correspondence).
- Low standard of education.
- Large number of unemployed educated youth.
- Large scale migration of educated people to developed countries.
- *Lack of infrastructure in many rural schools.*
- Neglect of primary education.

Suggestions:

- *Restrictions on higher education.*
- Job oriented education.
- Planned expansion of education.
- Emphasis on agriculture & vocational education.
- Technical education to be planned properly.
- Efforts to restrain brain drain.
- Standard of education to be raised.
- Bring down high rate of dropout in girls.