

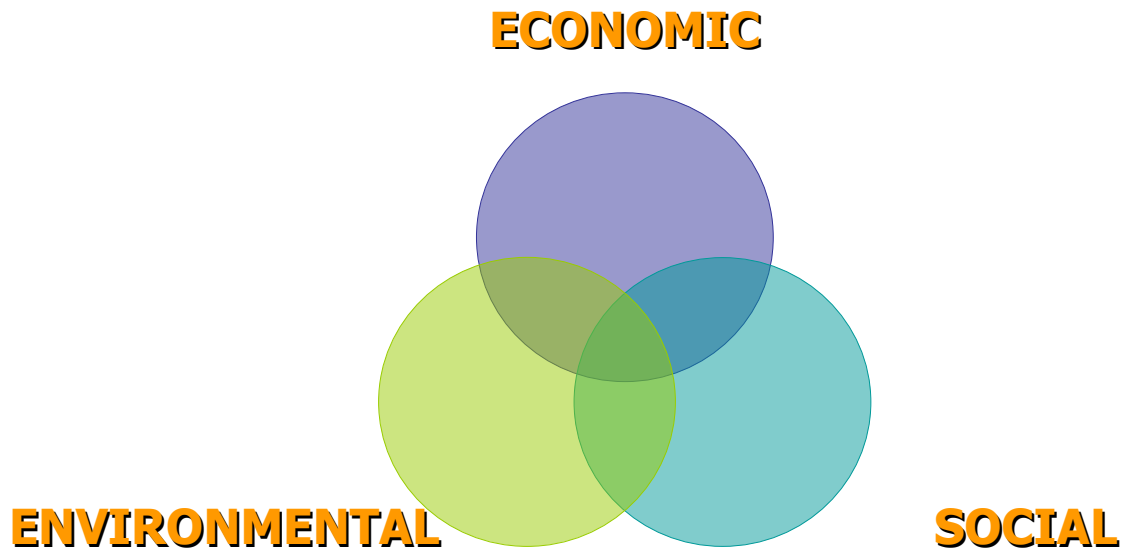
Convention on Large Infrastructure Projects, Sustainable Development and the Law: Emerging Issues and Concerns

SUSTAINABILITY OF LARGE TRANSPORT PROJECTS – LEGAL PERSPECTIVE

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Sustainable development of Large Transport Projects



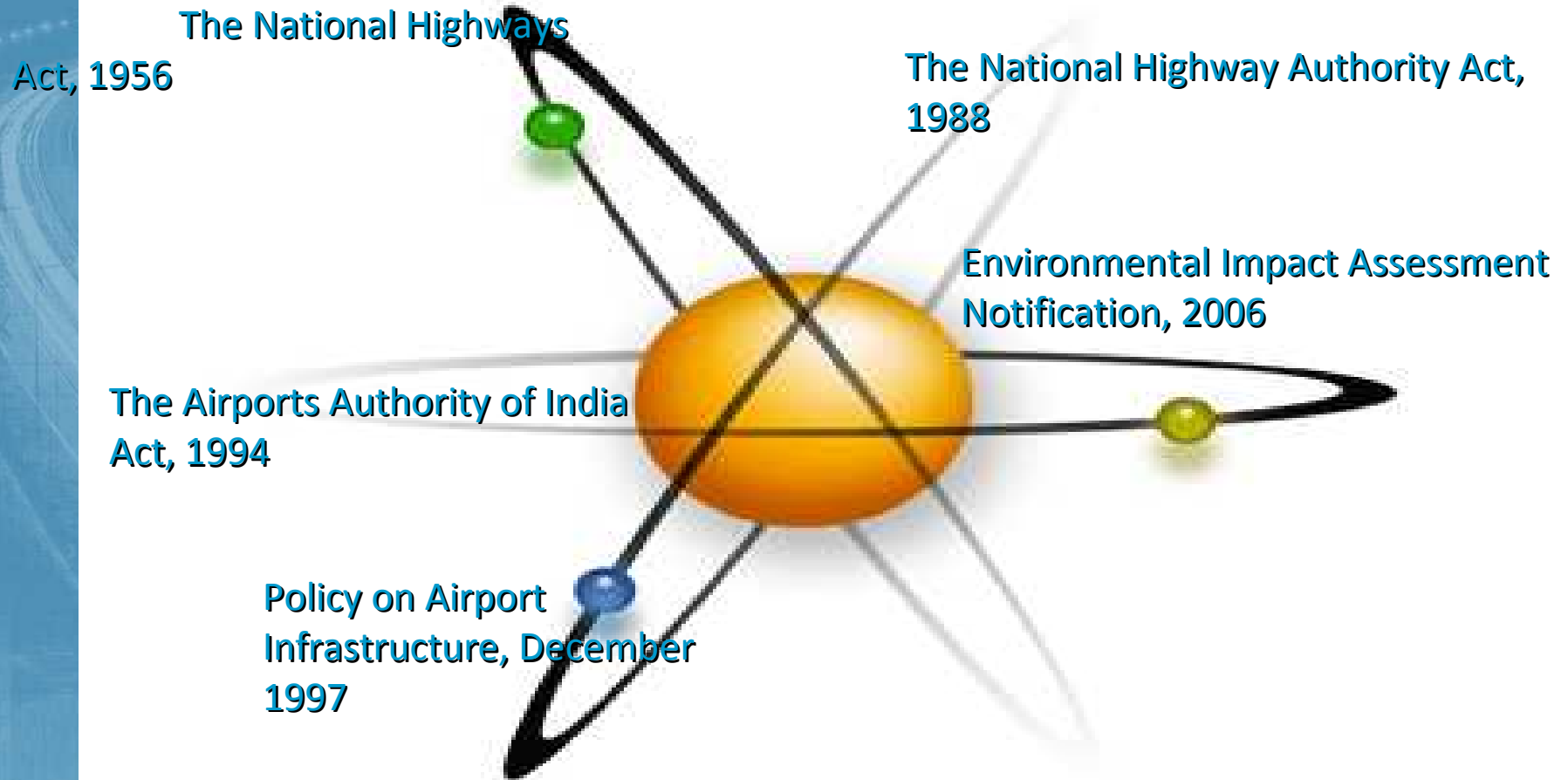
Highways

1. Transport sector plays a significant role in the overall development of the nation's economy.
2. India has one of the largest road networks in the world. It accounts for approximately 33 lakh kms.
3. Major project witnessed by the transport sector is the National Highway Development Project.

Aviation

1. Greenfield airports at Bangalore and Hyderabad.
2. Modernization of Delhi and Mumbai airports.
3. Comprehensive plan for 35 non-metro airports under preparation

Existing Legislative Framework & Policy



Social and Environmental Viability of Large Transport Projects

Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”)

EIA is an assessment of the possible impact positive or negative that a proposed project may have on the natural environment. The purpose of the assessment is to ensure that decision-makers consider environmental impacts in order to decide whether to proceed with the project.

Social Impact Assessment (“SIA”)

SIA is a way to assess the impacts on society of certain development schemes and projects before they go ahead.

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1. Public participation

2. Panel for the purpose of public hearing

➤ Land acquisition issues

1. Disputes regarding compensation valuation

2. Procedural delays

Financial Sustainability of large transport development

- Public Private Partnership (“PPP”) is being used to mitigate the risk factors and to bring in capital from private players.

2. Central Guidelines and State legislations.

Recommendations

1. Fast track courts for land acquisition disputes.
2. Evolving rational procedures for determining compensation.
3. Public consultation process should follow a transparent and participatory approach.
4. Viability Gap Funding should be extended to unfinished and rural projects.

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An aerial photograph of a complex highway interchange, overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter and a white grid pattern. The image shows multiple levels of elevated roads and ramps. In the foreground, a blurred car is visible, suggesting motion. The text "THANK YOU!!" is centered in white, bold, sans-serif font.

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