Connecting for Shared Prosperity

Corridor-wise Recommendations
Corridor 1: Connecting Kathmandu (Nepal) to Chittagong and Mongla Ports (Bangladesh)
CORRIDOR 1
Connecting Nepal to Bangladesh through India [Kathmandu - Kakarbhitta/Panitanki – Siliguri - Fulbari/Banglabandha – Dhaka - Mongla/Chattogram]

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Inter-modal trans-shipment facilities and a fully operational Special Economic Zones in Bhairahawa, Rupandehi District, Nepal
- Expediting Railway project connecting Kakarbhitta, Nepal to Kanchanpur, Nepal (in progress)
- Road traffic management in Siliguri, India- developing alternatives to Siliguri corridor with cooperation from Bangladesh
- Construction of express highways and bypass roads near Dhaka city, Bangladesh to ease congestion
- Speeding up Mongla to Khulna Railway link in Bangladesh
- Capacity enhancement at Chattogram Port, Bangladesh
- Speeding up the construction of Integrated Check Posts in Panitanki and Phulbari, in West Bengal, India
- Full utilisation of Siliguri Inland Container Depot, India
CORRIDOR 2
Connecting Kathmandu to Kolkata/Haldia and Visakhapatnam in India (Kathmandu - Birgunj/Raxaul - Biratnagar/Jogbani - Bhairahawa/Sonauli - Kolkata/Haldia and Vishakapatnam (alternative intermodal accessibility for Nepal to India’s National Waterways-1 i.e., from Kalughat to Raxaul, and Sahibganj to Biratnagar; Visakhapatnam to Nautanwa))

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Speedy Completion of Motihari-Raxual Highway Construction - Started in 2014, Bihar, India
- Cold storage and rail facility inside Raxaul Integrated Check Post, Bihar, India
- Expediting Jogbani-Biratnagar rail link construction at India-Nepal border
- Speeding up and efficient cargo handling in Kolkata port; improvement of approach road to the port, West Bengal, India
- Upgradation of lock gates in Neta Subash Dock and Kidderpore Dock, at the Kolkata Dock System, West Bengal, India
- Dedicated rail corridor inside the Visakhapatnam port, India
- Using Sahibganj (Jharkhand, India) for Nepal based cargo
- Dredging and maintenance of navigability in National Waterways-1 of India
- Multi-modal Logistics Park at Farakka, West Bengal, India
Corridor 3: Connecting Thimphu (Bhutan) to Chittagong and Mongla Ports (Bangladesh)
CORRIDOR 3

Connecting Bhutan to Bangladesh through Northeast India [Thimphu/Phuentsholing (Bhutan) to Dhubri and Jogighopa (Northeast India) to Chattogram and Mongla Ports (Bangladesh) - (multi-modal transport and transit access by road, inland waterways and railways)]

RECOMMENDATIONS

● Proper storage facilities for perishable goods at Phuentsholing, Bhutan
● Establishment of railway connectivity from Hasimara, India to Pasakha, Bhutan
● Common customs transit/ liaison office at Gelephu, Bhutan
● Jetty connection between Pandu port to the other side of Brahmaputra river in Guwahati, India
● River signalling and night navigation for barges plying on National Waterways-2 and the India-Bangladesh Protocol on Inland Water Transit and Trade
● Connecting Gelephu, Bhutan with Jogighopa, India via railway
● Expedite India-Bhutan railway connectivity projects, and also explore use of ropeway
● Expediting of construction of the Jogighopa Multi-modal Logistics Park, India
Corridor 4: Connecting Northeast India to the Rest of India via Bangladesh
CORRIDOR 4

RECOMMENDATIONS

● Decongestion of Petrapole-Benapole route through better use of the Padma River multi-purpose bridge
● Shillong-Dawki road widening & wider bridge at Dawki; upgradation of the approach road to Dawki Land Custom Station, India
● Revival of Mahisasan railway route on the India-Bangladesh border
● Hili (West Bengal)-Mahendraganj (Meghalaya) Corridor through Bangladesh to decongest Siliguri Corridor
● Rail link to the Integrated Check Post in Agartala, Tripura, India
● Dedicated Roll on/Roll off service at Mongla port
● Inter-modal gateway at Karimganj, India-connecting road, rail and river route
● A multi-modal terminal in Ashuganj, Bangladesh
● Freight Village at Balagarh, West Bengal, India
● Infrastructure upgradation and modernisation of Narayanganj River Port, Bangladesh