

## FRESH INVESTMENT

**I**n December 2013, the state government agencies once again came to the forefront to prop up the falling trends in projex witnessed throughout the calendar year 2013.

Of the total 616 new projects announced in December 2013, 420 were by promoting companies owned by state governments. Even in terms of fresh investment, the state sponsored projex accounted for around 40 per cent of the total new investment seen in December 2013.

The apathy of the private sector in committing fresh investment on capacity build-up continued in the month of December also. In all, the sector saw 154 new investment intentions with a total outlay of ₹10,147 crore. Of the total 616 new projects, 159 projects were without firmed up costs. Most of these projects were in the Real Estate sector.

Of the nine mega projects (projex of ₹1,000 crore or more) announced in December 2013, three were in the Manufacturing sector. The automobile major, Mahindra & Mahindra, announced its intentions to set up a ₹2,000 crore automobile ancillaries unit at Cheyyar in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu. The soft drink giant, Pepsico launched a ₹1,230 crore projex plan to set up its India's largest beverages plant in Sri City. Interestingly, the petrochemical giant, Reliance Industries joined hand with Dassault Aviation of France to set up a ₹1,000 crore aircraft wings unit in Bangalore. The wings will be used by the Rafale combat aircrafts of Dassault.

However, the largest projex proposal of the month came from South Eastern Coalfields. The Coal India subsidiary intends to spend ₹7,600 crore over the next couple of years to expand its coal mining capacity at Kusmunda in Korba district of Chhattisgarh, from 35 million tpa to 50 million tpa. The project also includes ramping up of railway capacity for evacuating the coal. The other large project in this sector was by Central Coalfields, which plans to develop coal mining with a capacity of 2.5 million tpa at Bokaro in Dhanbad district of Jharkhand with an investment of ₹632 crore.

## Nine mega projects announced

Among the major sectors, Services & Utilities (Infrastructure) topped the investment chart with 509 projects worth ₹22,294 crore and accounted for 57 per cent of the total fresh investment announced in December 2013. Some of the mega projects announced in this sector were a ₹3,465 crore water supply scheme for B-network (Budhel to Kadiyali) and D-network (Vadod reservoir to Ranavav) in Saurashtra Region, by Gujarat Water Infrastructure; a ₹2,000 crore plastic park in Kannur district by Kerala Industrial

Infrastructure Development Corporation and a ₹1,950 crore four-laning of Ghaghar Bridge-Varanasi section on NH-233 from 121.80 km to 299.35 km and Haridwar-Nagina section on NH-74 from 0.000 km to 71.614 km in Uttar Pradesh under NHDP-IV on BOT (Toll) basis under DBFOT mode, by National Highways Authority of India.

The Construction sector also witnessed a couple of large size projects in December 2013. Vedic Realty plans to develop an 18-hole golf course with an integrated IT township at Rajarhat, New Town in Kolkata with an investment of ₹2,500 crore. West Bengal Small Industries Development Corporation invited Eols for a ₹1,400 crore integrated textile park at Belur in Howrah district, ₹100 crore integrated silk park at Madhughat on Siliguri-Kolkata (NH-34) in Malda district, and a ₹300 crore eco-tourism park at Banarhat in Jalpaiguri district on PPP basis.

In the Community services sector, the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi announced its plan to build a new university building at Rajiv Gandhi Education City in Sonipat district of Haryana.

Twenty new power projects and thirteen new power distribution lines helped the Electricity sector in attracting fresh projex of ₹1,251 crore. A 50 MW solar-based power unit, promoted by Green Energy Development Corporation of Odisha at Manmunda in Boudh district of Orissa on PPP mode, was the largest power project of the month.

Among the states, Gujarat attracted the highest number of new projects - 84 projects worth ₹4,993 crore. ■

### Fresh Investment by Ownership - Dec 2013

Ownership	Projects	₹Crore	Share (%)
<b>Government</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>28,690</b>	<b>73.87</b>
Central Govt	42	13,806	35.55
State Govt	420	14,884	38.33
<b>Private Sector</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>10,147</b>	<b>26.13</b>
Private (Indian)	145	8,467	21.80
Private (Foreign)	9	1,680	4.33
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>38,837</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### Fresh Investment by Sector - Dec 2013

Sectors	Projects	₹Crore	Share (%)
Manufacturing	74	7,041	18.13
Mining	8	8,262	21.27
Electricity	21	1,150	2.96
Services & Utilities	509	22,294	57.40
Irrigation	4	91	0.24
<b>All Sectors</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>38,837</b>	<b>100.00</b>