



## Private sector gaining confidence

Indicating the growing confidence of the private sector in the project investment arena, the average share of private fresh investment in the total fresh investment stood at around 55 per cent. In October 2014, 609 new projects worth ₹70,580 crore were announced. Of these, 460 projects worth ₹55,503 crore were greenfield projects; 124 were plant modernisation projects; and 25 were capacity expansion projects of existing units. Further, of the 609 projects, the promoters of 278 projects have not firmed up the costs of their projects. Most of these projects were in the Real Estate sector.

Of the 24 mega projects (projex of ₹500 crore or more) announced in October 2014, six were in the Manufacturing sector. Of the six, three projects and the largest new project of the month, was in the Automobile sector. Alcor Inc announced its plans to set up a ₹15,000 crore helicopter manufacturing and assembly unit in Odisha. Besides this, China Electric Vehicle Consortium plans to develop an electric vehicle hub with an investment of ₹613 crore, at Sanand, in Ahmedabad district of Gujarat, and National Engineering Industries intends to set up

a ₹500 crore bearings unit with a capacity of 44.4 lakh numbers per year at Sanganer, in Jaipur district of Rajasthan.

In the Chemicals sector, the paint major, Asian Paints (India) plans to set up a new unit with a capacity of five lakh klpd at Nanjangud, in Mysuru district of Karnataka, with an investment of ₹2,400 crore. The project, to spread over 175 acre

**Fresh Investment by Sector - Oct 2014**

Sectors	Projects	₹Crore	Share (%)
Manufacturing	90	23,584.68	33.42
Mining	13	6,567.41	9.30
Electricity	25	9,105.60	12.90
Services & Utilities	477	31,055.23	44.00
Irrigation	4	267.93	0.38
<b>All Sectors</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>70,580.85</b>	<b>100.00</b>

of land, will be executed in two phases. A ₹1,000 crore vaccines manufacturing unit in Pune district of Maharashtra, by Serum Institute of India; a ₹534 crore chlor alkali capacity expansion at the Bharuch unit of Shriram; and Alkali & Chemicals were the other major projects taken up in this sector. The expansion plan also includes capacity hike of its captive power unit from 55 MW to 110 MW.

The month of October saw five coal mine development projects being announced. Of the five projects, the largest one with a total investment of ₹2,369 crore was proposed by Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam. The project intends to expand Parsa East and Kanta Basan open cast mining and pit head coal washery capacity from 10 million tpa to 15 million tpa at Udaypur, in Surguja district of Chhattisgarh.

Central Coalfields expansion of Topa open cast coal mining (which includes Pindra open cast coal mining), interlinked coking coal washery at Ramgarh, in Hazaribagh district of Jharkhand, with an investment of ₹1,194 crore, was the other mega project announced in this sector.

Another Coal India subsidiary, Eastern Coalfields, has firmed up plans to expand the mining capacities of its two coal mines -- Ghusick underground coal mine and Rangamati-B underground coal mine in Bardhaman district of West Bengal.

Mahuagarhi Coal Co plans to develop a ₹656 crore Mahuagarhi open cast coal mining project with a capacity of four million tpa at Kathikund taluka, in Dumka district of Jharkhand.

Services & Utilities (Infrastructure) topped the investment chart with 477 projects worth ₹31,055 crore and accounted for 44 per cent of the total fresh investment announced in October 2014. Cochin Shipyard plans to modernize its shipyard in Ernakulam, Kerala, by setting up a large dry dock to accommodate large ships like LNG carriers and aircraft carriers and build an LNG carrier at a total investment of ₹2,700 crore.

NHAI awarded a couple of highway projects in October 2014. A ₹2,361 crore Handia-Varanasi section of NH-2 from 713.146 km to 785.544 km in Uttar Pradesh; a ₹986 crore Bakhtiyarpur-Mokama section of NH-31 from 153.30 km to 197.90 km in Bihar; a ₹856 crore Varanasi-Gorakhpur section (NH-29) from 12.00 km to 88.00 km in Uttar Pradesh were announced by NHAI. At the state level, Chennai Municipal Corporation took up a 2.76 km long flyover project at a cost of ₹1,100 crore. The flyover will connect Ega Theatre and Valluvar Kottam on Ega-Valluvar road in Chennai.

In the Construction sector, Pride Purple Group announced a residential complex 'Pride World City Township' at Charholi, in Pune district of Maharashtra, with an investment of ₹6,500 crore. The project, to spread over 400 acre of land, comprises 20,000 flats including master club, bus terminus, mall and multiplex, play school, higher secondary school, multi-speciality hospital, art promenade, cultural centre and restaurants.

### Fresh Investment by Top Ten States - Oct 201

States	Projects	₹Crore	Share (%)
Odisha	33	15,132.03	21.44
Maharashtra	110	9,363.47	13.27
Madhya Pradesh	15	7,952.87	11.27
Telangana	53	5,571.29	7.89
Gujarat	66	4,241.89	6.01
Uttar Pradesh	26	4,156.81	5.89
Karnataka	40	3,275.32	4.64
Kerala	10	2,771.64	3.93
Jharkhand	32	2,699.30	3.82
Chhattisgarh	4	2,608.50	3.70
<b>All India</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>70,580.85</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### Fresh Investment by Ownership - Oct 2014

Ownership	Projects	₹Crore	Share (%)
<b>Government</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>32,065.66</b>	<b>45.43</b>
Central Govt	67	11,115.90	15.75
State Govt	268	20,949.76	29.68
<b>Private Sector</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>38,515.19</b>	<b>54.57</b>
Private (Indian)	248	19,497.29	27.62
Private (Foreign)	26	19,017.90	26.94
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>70,580.85</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Indian Film Combine announced a ₹600 crore shopping mall-cum-multiplex 'Maker Maxity' at Bandra (East). The project comprises a building of G+4 floors with shops and multiplex with a capacity to seat 500 people.

Telenor India, the parent company of Uninor, one of the telecom service providers in India, announced ₹600 crore network expansion plans. The company intends to set up 5,000 new base stations across six circles.

Twenty five new projects and 43 new power distribution lines helped the Electricity sector in attracting fresh projects of ₹9,296 crore. Telangana State Power Generation Corporation plans to set up a 1,080 MW (4 x 270 MW) coal-based power unit with an investment of ₹4,752 crore at Manuguru, in Khammam district of Telangana.

Among the states, Odisha topped the investment chart with 33 projects worth ₹15,132 crore and accounted for 20 per cent of the total fresh investment emanated in October 2014; and Maharashtra attracted the highest number of new projects - 110 projects entailing a total investment of ₹9,363 crore. ■