

## Fresh projex in Fertiliser segment

In July 2015, 960 new projects worth ₹45,084 crore were announced. Of these, 740 projects worth ₹32,251 crore were greenfield projects; 193 were plant modernisation and twenty seven were capacity expansion. Further, of the 960 projects, the promoters of 390 projects, mostly in Power Distribution and Real Estate sectors, have not yet firmed up the project costs.

Among the 13 mega projects (projex of ₹500 crore or more) announced in July 2015, four were in the Manufacturing sector. National Fertilizers intends to expand its urea capacity from 4.78 lakh tpa to 13 lakh tpa with an investment of ₹5,500 crore at Nangal in Rupnagar district of Punjab. In the Fertilisers sector, another project was announced by Archean Chemical Industries. A ₹2,000 crore potassium sulphate expansion from one lakh tpa to four lakh tpa at Greater Rann of Kachchh of Gujarat. The company also aims to expand bromine capacity from 12,500 tpa to 80,000 tpa and co-generation power unit capacity from 10 MW to 45 MW.

In the Steel sector, Mesco Steel plans to set up a ₹1,000 crore steel unit at Kalinganagar in Jajpur district of Odisha. The project will be implemented in two phases.

Gulf Petrochem plans to set up an ethanol unit in India with an investment of ₹1,000 crore.

Among the major sectors, Services & Utilities (Infrastructure) topped the investment chart with 830 projects worth ₹22,761 crore and accounted for 50 per cent of the total investment announced in July 2015. The largest project in this segment was announced in the Roadways sector.

The Union Ministry of Road Transport & Highways proposes to set up a coastal highway connecting Gopalpur in Odisha with Digha in West Bengal. The ₹5,000 crore highway will help connect several upcoming ports in the state???? like Gopalpur, Astaranga, Paradeep, Kirtania and Chandipur. Detailed project report (DPR) was underway.

The second largest roadways project on the month was proposed by Madhya Pradesh Road Development Corporation. MPRDC plans to develop ring road around major and minor cities of the state with an investment of ₹500 crore.

Fresh Investment by Sector - July 2015			
Sectors	Projects	₹Crore	Share (%)
Manufacturing	79	11041	24.49
Mining	8	38	0.08
Electricity	29	8452	18.75
Services & Utilites	830	22761	50.49
Irrigation	14	2792	6.19
<b>All Sectors</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>45084</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Fresh Investment by Top Ten States - July 2015			
State	Projects	₹Crore	Share (%)
Punjab	21	7046	15.63
Andhra Pradesh	27	6026	13.37
Multi States	6	5200	11.53
Madhya Pradesh	68	4153	9.21
Gujarat	54	2918	6.47
Puducherry	1	2500	5.55
Odisha	178	2177	4.83
Bihar	60	1871	4.15
Uttar Pradesh	111	1799	3.99
Maharashtra	87	1542	3.42
<b>Top Ten States</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>45084</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Karaikal Port plans to develop a ₹2,500 crore liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal with a capacity of three million tonne at Karaikal Port in Puducherry. The company was in talks with three multinational companies - one each from the US, West Asia and Singapore for likely collaboration to execute the project.

A ₹1,514 crore Bina Multipurpose project in Sagar district, promoted by Water Resources Department, Madhya Pradesh was the largest project announced in Irrigation sector. The scope of work will include construction of four dams on Bina and Dhassan Rivers to provide irrigation facility for 84,200 hectare of land, construction of an underground powerhouse on the left bank of the river downstream of the Madia dam for generation of 22 MW (2 x 11 MW) hydel based power unit. Water flow from Dhassan river would be stored in a concrete dam (Dehra dam) at Dehra Nallah. Dhassan diversion dam at Dhassan river and feeder canal to divert its water to Dehra dam to generate 10 MW (2 x 5 MW) hydel based power unit.

Narmada Valley Development Authority envisages implementation of Alirajpur lift irrigation scheme in Madhya Pradesh on turnkey basis with an investment of ₹559 crore.

Twenty nine new projects and 265 power distribution lines helped the Electricity sector in attracting fresh projex of ₹10,612 crore. The sector also saw a couple of mega projects being announced.

Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation plans to set up a 800 MW Dr. Narla Tata Rao coal based power unit (Stage-V) with an investment of ₹5,286 crore at Ibrahimpatnam village in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh. The project will spread over 237.7 acre of land.

Andhra Pradesh Power Development Co. also plans to set up 800 MW coal based power unit at Nelaturu in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh.

Projects By Ownership - July 2015			
Ownership	Projects	₹Crore	Share (%)
Government	791	33669	74.68
Central Govt.	102	15474	34.32
State Govt.	689	18195	40.36
Private	169	11414	25.32
Private (Indian)	155	11008	24.42
Foreign	14	407	0.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>45084</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Northern Eastern Electric Power Corporation plans to invest ₹682 crore for 55 MW hydel based power unit at Killing in Karbi Anglong district of Assam. Detailed project report (DPR) was underway.

Other prominent power projects announced in the month were a ₹700 crore, 100 MW solar based power unit in Mansa district of Punjab, promoted by Acme Tele Power Ltd. ReNew Power in joint venture with Hareon Solar plans to set up a 72 MW crystalline based solar power unit in Andhra Pradesh with an investment of 504 crore. The company signed an power purchase agreement (PPA) with the Southern Power Distribution Company for the project.

Among the states, Punjab topped the investment chart with 21 projects worth ₹7,046 crore and accounted for 15 per cent of the total fresh investment emanated in July 2015. Odisha attracted the highest number of new projects - 178 projects worth ₹2,177 crore. ■