

POLICY GROUP FACT SHEET



Since its inception, a key role of IDFC has been to advise national and sub-national governments and other stakeholders in improving the investment climate for the development of infrastructure.

The Policy Group at IDFC, which is now part of the IDFC Foundation, fulfills this role. It provides thought leadership and advocacy in areas of infrastructure policy and governance, with a thrust on sustainable infrastructure. It aims to stimulate thought and action for responsible development of infrastructure in the context of environmental sustainability. It also intends to propagate and promote good governance and inclusive development of infrastructure, thereby working towards IDFC's mission of nation building.

The Policy Group work is reflected through various means such as:

- i) Studies (self-initiated or commissioned), discussion papers & articles
- ii) A Quarterly that examines innovative solutions aimed at addressing some infrastructure challenge and distills learning
- iii) Workshops, seminars & conferences

The Group collaborates with technical and managerial

institutes with the objective of addressing issues from a multi-disciplinary perspective. IDFC has formed what is called the 3iNetwork with the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur and the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. One of the major contributions of this Network, consistent with the above objectives, has been the flagship India Infrastructure Report (IIR). Launched in 2001 as an annual thematic publication, the latest IIR is titled *Land: A Critical Resource for Infrastructure*.

The Policy Group participates in Committees set up by governments, regulators and government agencies to suggest strategies for infrastructure development. It works closely with and supports the advisory boards constituted by IDFC in different infrastructure sectors comprising eminent experts. These boards examine different aspects of sectoral development and private sector participation, and advocate policy measures.

The Group consists of a core team of intellectually committed specialists with several years of experience in academia, industry, multilateral development banks and financial institutions. Their academic backgrounds cover engineering, architecture, urban planning, economics, and management. This diversity helps us look at critical issues from different perspectives.