Public Private Partnership (PPP)

Increasing inadequacy of public sector outlays compared to the rising demand for infrastructure has called for exploring alternative sources of financing infrastructure. Enlisting private sector participation in infrastructure development and also in management is one important option that is now receiving attention of planners and policy makers. In Kolkata, private sector participation in infrastructure development and management is not new as the same can be traced back to CESC (the power utility) and the public bus services run by private operators.

The State Govt. is keen to enlist private sector participation in infrastructure development and management through partnership between public and private sectors for not only enhanced availability of finances but also for more efficient use of the resources. With the aim of conveying the sincerity of the State Govt. towards earning confidence of private sector entities and also for the sake of a uniform practice of PPP by the different public sector agencies, the State Govt. notified its Policy on Infrastructure Development through Public Private Partnership during August 2003.

KMDA has already successfully implemented a number of projects on PPP basis. The following PPP projects were finalised during the year:

- **Kolkata Logistic Hub at Kona in Howrah-** M/s Havelock Properties Ltd. has been selected through an international competitive bidding process. The project, the first of its kind in India using state-of-the-art technology, would come up on about 108 acre of land to be given on 99 years’ lease to be selected private developer. The project is likely to be completed in 5 years and
would generate a good deal of economic spin-offs.

Stadium Based Commercial Complex at Rajdanga along RB Connnector - M/s Merlin Projects Ltd. has been selected as the private partner following adoption of competitive bidding process. The project involves construction of a Stadium (4000-capacity) over about 4 acres and a Commercial Complex on the remaining 2 acres of land. The project is likely to be completed by 2008. The Stadium would meet a long-standing demand of the locality.

Dankuni Township: DLF Dankuni Consortium has been selected as the private partner through an international competitive bidding process for implementation of the integrated township at Dankuni extending over 4840 acres of land. The project provides for an exclusive segment of 771 acres for development of industries. This is the largest township project in India under PPP.

There are other PPP projects that are now being processed towards selection of the private partners/developers.

However, in the arena of basic infrastructure development, adequate response of private sector is yet to be witnessed. Further amendments in PPP Policy may be introduced with a view to providing further fillip to PPP ventures.

Other Projects/Programmes

KMDA continues to operate and maintain health care infrastructure and services that KMDA created in different municipal towns under CSIP/IPP8.

KMDA undertakes planning and development works for projects assigned to KMDA by different agencies. KMDA has acquired expertise in use of Geographic Information System (GIS), especially in the context of municipal management. KMDA