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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION and INDIA

Development Credit Agreement—Seventb Railway Project (with related letter and annexed Development Credit Regulations No. 1). Signed at Washington, on 22 March 1963

Official text: English.

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No. 6911. DEVELOPMENT CREDIT AGREEMENT¹ (SEV-ENTH RAILWAY PROJECT) BETWEEN INDIA AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIA-THE TION. SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, ON 22 MARCH 1963

AGREEMENT, dated March 22, 1963, between INDIA, acting by its President (hereinafter called the Borrower) and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (hereinafter called the Association).

WHEREAS the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development has previously financed the foreign exchange costs of six projects forming a part of the programs for rehabilitation, modernization, expansion and increase in capacity of the Railways owned and operated by the Borrower and has entered into loan agreements with the Borrower dated August 18, 1949,² July 12, 1957,³ September 16, 1958,⁴ July 15, 1959;⁵ July 29, 1960⁶ and October 13, 1961⁷ providing for such projects;

WHEREAS the Borrower has requested the Association to assist in financing a seventh railway project; and

WHEREAS the Association is willing to make a development credit available for such seventh railway project on the terms and conditions hereinafter provided;

Now THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows :

Article I

DEVELOPMENT CREDIT REGULATIONS; SPECIAL DEFINITION

Section 1.01. The parties to this Agreement accept all the provisions of Development Credit Regulations No. 1 of the Association dated June 1, 1961,8 with the same force and effect as if they were fully set forth herein, subject,

¹ Came into force on 2 May 1963, upon notification by the Association to the Government of India.

¹ United Nations, Treaty Series, Vol. 154, p. 269.

^a United Nations, Treaty Series, Vol. 154, p. 209.
^b United Nations, Treaty Series, Vol. 323, p. 235.
^c United Nations, Treaty Series, Vol. 346, p. 33.
^c United Nations, Treaty Series, Vol. 377, p. 153.
^c United Nations, Treaty Series, Vol. 418, p. 3.

^a See p. 18 of this volume.

however, to the following modification thereof (said Development Credit Regulations No. 1 as so modified being hereinafter called the Regulations):

Paragraph 5 of Section 9.01 is amended to read as follows : "5. The term 'Borrower' means India, acting by its President."

Section 1.02. Wherever used in this Agreement or in the Schedule¹ thereto, unless the context otherwise requires, the term "Railways" means the railways owned and operated by the Borrower and includes all railway property, equipment and materials of the Borrower.

Article II

THE CREDIT

Section 2.01. The Association agrees to make available to the Borrower, on the terms and conditions in this Agreement set forth or referred to, a development credit in an amount in various currencies equivalent to sixty-seven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$67,500,000).

Section 2.02. The Association shall open a Credit Account on its books in the name of the Borrower and shall credit to such Credit Account the amount of the Credit. The amount of the Credit may be withdrawn from the Credit Account as provided in, and subject to the rights of cancellation and suspension set forth in, this Agreement and the Regulations.

Section 2.03. Except as the Borrower and the Association shall otherwise agree :

(a) The Borrower shall be entitled, subject to the provisions of this Agreement, to withdraw from the Credit Account (i) amounts expended for the reasonable cost of goods to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit, and (ii) if the Association shall so agree, such amounts as shall be required to meet payments to be made for the reasonable cost of the foregoing.

(b) No withdrawals shall be made on account of (i) expenditures prior to October 1, 1962, or (ii) expenditures in the currency of the Borrower or for goods produced in (including services supplied from) the territories of the Borrower.

Section 2.04. Withdrawals from the Credit Account shall be in such currency or currencies as the Association shall from time to time select.

Section 2.05. The Borrower shall pay to the Association a service charge at the rate of three-fourths of one per cent $(\frac{3}{4} \text{ of } 1 \%)$ per annum on the principal

¹ See p. 14 of this volume.

amount of the Credit withdrawn and outstanding from time to time. The Borrower shall also pay to the Association a service charge at the same rate on the principal amount of any special commitment entered into by the Association pursuant to Section 4.02 of the Regulations and outstanding from time to time.

Section 2.06. Service charges shall be payable semi-annually on May 1 and November 1 in each year.

Section 2.07. The Borrower shall repay the principal amount of the Credit in semi-annual instalments payable on each May 1 and November 1 commencing May 1, 1973 and ending November 1, 2012, each instalment to and including the instalment payable on November 1, 1982 to be $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 % of such principal amount, and each instalment thereafter to be $1 \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}$ of such principal amount.

Article III

USE OF PROCEEDS OF THE CREDIT

Section 3.01. The Borrower shall cause the proceeds of the Credit to be applied exclusively to financing the cost of goods required to carry out the Project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement. The specific goods to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit and the methods and procedures for procurement of such goods shall be determined by agreement between the Borrower and the Association, subject to modification by further agreement between them.

Section 3.02. Except as the Borrower and the Association shall otherwise agree, the Borrower shall cause all goods financed out of the proceeds of the Credit to be used in the territories of the Borrower exclusively in the carrying out of the Project.

Article IV

PARTICULAR COVENANTS

Section 4.01. (a) The Borrower shall cause the Project to be carried out, and the operations of the Railways to be conducted, with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with sound engineering and financial practices.

(b) The Borrower shall at all times make or cause to be made available promptly as needed all sums which shall be required for the carrying out of the Project.

(c) Upon request from time to time by the Association, the Borrower shall promptly furnish or cause to be furnished to the Association the plans, speci-

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fications and work schedules for the Project and any material modifications subsequently made therein, in such detail as the Association shall request.

(d) The Borrower shall: (i) maintain or cause to be maintained records adequate to identify the goods financed out of the proceeds of the Credit, to disclose the use thereof in the Project, to record the progress of the Project (including the cost thereof) and to reflect in accordance with consistently maintained sound accounting practices the operations and financial condition of the agency or agencies of the Borrower responsible for the carrying out of the Project or any part thereof or the operation of the Railways; (ii) enable the Association's representatives to inspect the Project, the goods, the Railways and any relevant records and documents; and (iii) furnish or cause to be furnished to the Association all such information as the Association shall reasonably request concerning the expenditure of the proceeds of the Credit, the Project and the goods, and the operations and financial condition of the agency or agencies of the proceeds of the Credit, the Project and the goods, and the operations and financial condition of the agency or agencies of the Borrower responsible for the carrying out of the Borrower responsible for the carrying out of the Railways.

Section 4.02. (a) The Borrower and the Association shall cooperate fully to assure that the purposes of the Credit will be accomplished. To that end, each of them shall furnish to the other all such information as it shall reasonably request with regard to the general status of the Credit. On the part of the Borrower, such information shall include information with respect to financial and economic conditions in the territories of the Borrower and the international balance of payments position of the Borrower.

(b) The Borrower and the Association shall from time to time exchange views through their representatives with regard to matters relating to the purposes of the Credit and the maintenance of the service thereof. The Borrower shall promptly inform the Association of any condition which interferes with, or threatens to interfere with, the accomplishment of the purposes of the Credit or the maintenance of the service thereof.

(c) The Borrower shall afford all reasonable opportunity for accredited representatives of the Association to visit any part of the territories of the Borrower for purposes related to the Credit.

Section 4.03. The principal of, and service charges on, the Credit shall be paid without deduction for, and free from, any taxes, and free from all restrictions, imposed under the laws of the Borrower or laws in effect in its territories.

Section 4.04. This Agreement shall be free from any taxes that shall be imposed under the laws of the Borrower or laws in effect in its territories on

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or in connection with the execution, issue, delivery or registration thereof.

Article V

Remedies of the Association

Section 5.01. (i) If any event specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (c) of Section 5.02 of the Regulations shall occur and shall continue for a period of thirty days, or (ii) if any event specified in paragraph (b) of Section 5.02 of the Regulations shall occur and shall continue for a period of sixty days after notice thereof shall have been given by the Association to the Borrower, then at any subsequent time the Association, at its option, may declare the principal of the Credit then outstanding to be due and payable immediately, and upon any such declaration such principal shall become due and payable immediately, anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding.

Article VI

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 6.01. The Closing Date shall be March 31, 1964, or such other date as may from time to time be agreed between the Borrower and the Association.

Section 6.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 7.01 of the Regulations :

For the Borrower :

The Secretary to the Government of India

Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs

New Delhi, India

Alternative address for cablegrams and radiograms :

Ecofairs New Delhi

For the Association :

International Development Association

1818 H Street, N.W.

Washington 25, D.C.

United States of America

Alternative address for cablegrams and radiograms :

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Section 6.03. A Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance is designated for the purposes of Section 7.03 of the Regulations.

Section 6.04. A date sixty days after the date of this Agreement is hereby specified for the purposes of Section 8.04 of the Regulations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto acting through their representatives thereunto duly authorized, have caused this Development Credit Agreement to be signed in their respective names and delivered in the District of Columbia, United States of America, as of the day and year first above written.

India :

By B. K. NEHRU Authorized Representative

International Development Association : By Geoffrey M. WILSON Vice President

SCHEDULE 1

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

The Project is the Program, which is included in the Borrower's Third Five-Year Plan, for the rehabilitation, modernization, expansion and increase in the capacity of, and more effective utilization of, the Railways.

The part of the Project to be financed with the proceeds of the Credit is the acquisition, for use by the Borrower on the Railways, of electric locomotives, components for electric and diesel locomotives, rolling stock, spare parts and other railway materials and equipment and services connected therewith, with the prime object of increasing, and improving the utilization of, the carrying capacity of the Railways.

RELATED LETTER

EMBASSY OF INDIA WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 22, 1963

International Development Association Washington 25, D.C.

Gentlemen :

Re : Currency of Repayment

We refer to the Development Credit Agreement (Seventh Railway Project) of even date¹ between us and to Section 3.02 of the Regulations referred to therein. Pursuant to such Section, we hereby request your agreement as follows :

- (i) Except as hereinafter provided, the principal amount of, and service charges on, the Credit provided for in such Agreement shall be payable in the currency of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- (ii) If at any time we shall desire that, commencing with a given future payment date, such principal and service charges shall be payable in an eligible currency other than that specified in (i) [or other than one designated under this clause (ii)] we shall deliver to the Association, not less than three nor more than five months prior to such payment date, a notice in writing to that effect and designating such other eligible currency, whereupon the currency so designated shall, commencing with such payment date, be the currency in which such principal and service charges shall be payable.
- (iii) If at any time the Association shall determine that a currency payable pursuant to the provisions of this letter is not an eligible currency, the Association shall so notify us in writing and furnish us with a list of eligible currencies.
- (iv) Within thirty days from the date of such notice we shall notify the Association in writing of our selection of a currency from such list in which payment shall be made, failing which the Association shall select a currency for such purpose from such list, whereupon, in either case, such principal and service charges shall, commencing with the payment date next succeeding such thirty-day period, be payable in the currency so selected.
- (v) Any designation or selection of a currency pursuant to the foregoing provisions shall be subject, in turn, to the provisions of this letter.

¹ See p. 4 of this volume.

(vi) For purposes of this letter, "eligible currency" means any currency of a member of the Association which the Association at the relevant time determines to be freely convertible or freely exchangeable by it for currencies of other members of the Association for the purposes of its operations.

Please indicate your agreement with the foregoing by signing the form of confirmation on the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to us.

Very truly yours,

India : By B. K. NEHRU Authorized Representative

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Confirmed : International Development Association : By Alexander STEVENSON

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

DEVELOPMENT CREDIT REGULATIONS No. 1, DATED 1 JUNE 1961

Regulations applicable to Development Credit Agreements with Member Governments

[Not published herein. See United Nations, Treaty Series, Vol. 415, p. 68.]