

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 29-30, 2001

Sponsored by DFID, the subject conference was organized by IEI in association with The Institution of Civil Engineers, U K and Consulting Engineering Services (I) Pvt Ltd. The deliberations were designed to focus on the infrastructure development in India resulting into Kolkata Declaration.

THE KOLKATA DECLARATION

This Declaration recognizes that poverty is one of the most pressing problems facing India and that Engineers play a vital role in its reduction.

Participants in the Conference on Infrastructure development in India on the 29th and 30th November 2001 in Kolkata recommended the adoption of the following Declaration by all levels of Government and Society concerned with the need to rapidly accelerate the alleviation of poverty.

The particularly call upon the members of the wider engineering profession of the UK and India to support a programme to reduce poverty by half by 2015.

THE DECLARATION

THAT THE PRIORITIES FOR ENGINEERING ARE

- To develop sustainable, affordable and equitable solutions.
- To involve the user in deciding levels of service and selecting technological options.
- To raise standards and professional practice in design, construction, manufacturing, implementation and maintenance.
- To raise standards of Higher Education to an international level by a mandatory system of Accreditation.
- To establish a system of structured training and of continuing professional development (CPD) for all engineers.
- To establish a system of Mandatory Registration for all engineers.
- To promote quality assurance and good engineering practice.
- To establish transparent and cost effective systems of Public Procurement.
- To upgrade the standards of supervision and artisan training in industry.
- To work towards appropriate project structuring and to enable imaginative financial engineering which will ensure viability and successful completion.
- The participants look forward to continuing DFID and other Agencies sponsorship of activities, which support these objectives.