

NITDB to expand ICD Timure

The depot could be developed as supply lifeline of Nepal

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problems in acquisition of

two hectares of private land.

The detailed design of

ICD at Timure of Rasuwaga-

dh, which is going to be

constructed on grant assis-

tance of the government of

China, has already been in-

ited. China govern-

ment-owned Architectural

Reconnaissance and Design

Institute of Tibet Autono-

mous Region has started de-

tail design of the project.

The expanded project site

would have facilities like

five-storey administrative

building that will house

quarantine, customs, banks,

staff quarters; a parking lot

with accommodative ca-

capacity of 350 trucks; godown

and clearance shade,

among others.

The NITDB has drawn at-

ention of Minister for Com-

merce Deepak Bohara re-

garding the delays in land

acquisition even after the

works of detailed design

have been initiated.

In the programme organ-

ised today by NITDB to

mark its 19th anniversary,

NITDB Executive Director

Laxman Basnet drew the at-

ention of higher leadership

of the line ministry about

the matter.

Likewise, NITDB has said

that survey and design

works of the World Bank-

funded project—Container

Freight Station (CFS) in

Kathmandu—have been

stalled since long as NIDC

Development Bank has yet

to clear the project site.

NITDB is going to develop

CFS at a total cost of \$15.5

million with assistance of

the World Bank.

The land was earlier

owned by Himal Cement

Factory. NIDC has already

recovered Rs 250 million it

had lent to Himal Cement

—Rs 120 million was recov-

ered from the government

and Rs 130 million through

action of the machineries.

The bank had earlier said it

would clear the site by July

2015. After that the survey

and design of the CFS would

start and NITDB has to

complete the construction

by 2018.

In the programme, Minis-

ter Bohara said that he will

hold talks with Home Affairs

Ministry regarding the land

acquisition at Timure. Earl-

ier he had also instructed the

secretary at the Home Af-

fairs Ministry to expedite

land acquisition process.

Likewise, he had directed

the NITDB to clear the CFS

site using its own capacity

and take compensation

from NIDC Bank if the bank

further delayed the process

of clearing the site.