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Chenani Nashri is a completed project, earning annuities, and the ₹19.6 crore is the claim amount towards change of scope.

Earlier, Fagne Songadh Expressway (FSEL), a 100 per cent subsidiary of ITNL, completed its settlement with NHA under the new road

ministry policy on stuck up projects, receiving an amount of ₹707 crore.

Other IL&FS projects settled under claims and compensation by the NHA till date include: Jorabat Shillong Expressway (JSEL) ₹252 crore; Baleshwar Kharagpur Expressway (BKEL) (₹8 crore); and ITNL Road Infrastructure Development Company (IRIDCL) (₹144 crore) that was settled by the road ministry.

There is a pending settlement of ₹902 crore for the Khed Sinnar Expressway project and ₹171 crore for Amravati Chikli Expressway from NHA.

FSEL, KNCEL and IRIDCL have been handed over to the authorities after settlement of claims. Baleshwar Kharagpur will form a part of the Infrastructure Investment Trust that will include 11 road projects in two phases.

The statement said, among FSEL, KNCEL and IRIDCL, IL&FS would be addressing an aggregate debt of ₹3,500 crore through the NHA and ministry of road transport and highways settlements.

According to the ministry's guidelines in March 2019, for incomplete or stalled projects, authorities would be able to foreclose the project's concession agreement.