



Practices:Energy, Infrastructure & Resources

Education:B.B.A. LL.B., Symbiosis Law School, Pune (2009)

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Energy
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Akshay Malhotra is a Partner in the Energy, Infrastructure & Resources Practice Group in the New Delhi office.

Akshay has represented government authorities, sponsors, contractors and lenders engaged in the context of project development, financing, M&A and dispute resolution with an emphasis on public private partnerships. He has also been on secondment to some of the largest Oil & Gas as well as renewable energy companies in India.

Representative Matters:

In his areas of expertise, Akshay has represented and advised the following key clients:

- International Finance Corporation (IFC) on several projects including: (i) operation and maintenance arrangement for terminals at Kolkata and Patna; (ii) healthcare network in Odisha on PPP; (iii) healthcare network in Bangladesh on PPP; (iv) 5 MW rooftop solar project on PPP for the fulfilment of distribution licensees renewable purchase obligations; and (iv) development of Clarke Airport in the Philippines;
- Ministry of Economy and Finance, Kingdom of Cambodia, on an O&M arrangement for the establishment of rice/paddy warehouse network in Cambodia;
- NITI Aayog on model concession agreements for: (i) supply, operation, and maintenance of electric buses in urban areas on PPP; and (ii) implementation of the national mission on battery storage;
- City and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra Ltd. (CIDCO) on implementation of the greenfield Navi Mumbai International Airport on a PPP basis;
- Government of Telangana (through Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited) on the implementation of the Hyderabad Metro Rail Project;

Bengaluru Kolkata Mumbai New Delhi



- **National Highways Authority of India** on the bid documents for more than 20 national highway projects on PPP;
- Electro Motive Diesel on bid advisory for the greenfield diesel locomotive manufacturing project of the Indian Railways;
- **MIAL** on implementation of the Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport in Mumbai;
- Vinci Concessions on the prequalification for Mopa airport at Goa;
- Foreign sovereign fund on its proposed US\$ 1.6 billion acquisition of two hydro-electric power plants in Himachal Pradesh:
- SBI Capital Markets and Government of Jharkhand on the privatisation of the distribution license in the State of Jharkhand;
- World Bank and Ministry of Power on the model bidding documents for privatization of distribution of electricity;
- **ACME** on development of solar power projects in Andhra Pradesh; Karnataka and Rajasthan;
- Oriano Clean Energy Private Limited on engineering, procurement and construction contracts for solar projects across India;
- ReNew on the bid documents issued by NTPC and SECI for solar and wind projects;
- **Statkraft** on development of solar power projects in the States of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu;
- Fortum on development of solar power projects in Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan;
- Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd. (UPPCL) on the bid process and project agreements for the selection of a developer for the 1320 MW Jawaharpur Thermal Power Project;
- Karam Chand Thapar (KCT) Group on divestment of three operational wind power projects to ReNew with a capacity of 103 MW in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- **Greenko group** on its acquisition of a 70 MW hydro-electric power plant in Himachal Pradesh from the Lanco group;
- **State-owned electricity department** on divestment of 49% equity to an entity selected through competitive bidding; and



Ministry of Defence, Government of India on procurement of capital equipment under the Strategic Partnership Model.

Recognitions and Accomplishments:

Akshay has been recommended by *Legal500* for Projects and Energy and *IFLR 1000* has ranked him as a *'Rising Star'* for Project Development.

Publications and Presentations:

Akshay has authored / co-authored the following contributions:

- "Navigating the problems of inland waterways" published in India Business Law Journal;
- "Building electric public transport infrastructure" published in India Business Law Journal;
- "Metro rail projects: Whose line is it anyway?" published in India Business Law Journal;
- "Renegotiating power purchase agreements for renewable energy projects" published in Legally India: India Unleashed;
- "Alternative Energy & Power Global Practice Guide" published by Chambers & Partners, 2019; and
- India chapter on "Climate Regulations Getting the Deal Through".