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2	D	<u>Social and Environmental Considerations</u> : It should be underscored that important social and environmental concerns are also interlaced with infrastructure decisions regarding technology choice, coverage, and charges. For example, although toll roads can serve to reduce traffic congestion, and water metering can promote greater conservation both will have distributive effects that will be a greater burden on low-income households. For these reasons, regulatory and management issues cannot be viewed in isolation from broader objectives in consumer protection, and environmental and social concerns.
8	2	Additional support is being provided by Bank operations to broaden legal reforms in the state and civil society, support for property rights (including intellectual property rights), consumer protection and strengthen the administration of justice (in particular, supporting an effective judicial process for the resolution of contract disputes).