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### **FINDINGS**

"A Critical Examination of Cost Overrun and Time Overrun in the Central Sector Projects," the current study, aims to assess the quantitative and intersectoral differences between time and cost overruns in CSPs (Central Sector Projects). Additionally, it aims to assess the government's policy changes and strategies for cutting down on delays and costs. The thesis also compares the policy modifications implemented in a few chosen nations to control time and cost overruns. Finally, some recommendations for efficient time and cost overrun control are also given. Initial project estimation and feasibility evaluations are consistently inadequate. Due to political or administrative constraints rather than in-depth ground-level analyses, many projects are started with irrational schedules and underbudget cost estimates. Public trust is damaged, and economic efficiency is impacted by the frequent changes, delays, and extra expenses brought on by this disconnect between planning and implementation. It has been found that implementing agencies are deemed to have inadequate management and institutional capabilities. Public sector projects encounter ineffective contract administration, a lack of departmental coordination, and bureaucratic delays in decision-making. Regulatory constraints, including difficult land acquisition, environmental approvals, and procurement delays, exacerbate these problems. The overruns are made worse by the lack of accountability systems and the sparse application of project management technologies, indicating the necessity of governance changes and capacity-building in project execution. To improve the results of public infrastructure delivery, these problems must be addressed by increased oversight, the use of digital monitoring tools, and changes to the public procurement and accountability systems.