UPEIDA nod to selection of firms for fuel stns on B'khand eway

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Lucknow: The board of UP Expressway and Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) on Friday gave its nod for selection of oil marketing companies for setting up four fuel stations on the 296km-long Bundelkhand expressway connecting Chitrakoot with Etawah. The stations will be set up on a Company Owned Company Operated (COCO) format.

The authority said that the work of laying a bituminous layer (complete construction) has been done on a 222km stretch on the expressway. In all, 74% of the physical work has been completed on the expressway, the board said.

Reiterating that the construction of the ambitious 594km long Ganga expressway was being fast-tracked, the board said that 94% of the land (6,900 hectare) has been acquired for the project connecting Meerut with Prayagraj. The board also empowered CEO Awanish Awasthi to take further decisions for financial arrangement for the project from SBI Capital.

The board also green flagged works to be undertaken after signing of MoU between NHAI and the state government for Ghazipur-Ballia-Manjhi Ghat project on Poorvanchal expressway. The Board was informed that the land acquisition for the NH-31 (4-lane) greenfield project between Ghazipur to Ballia, will be done under UPEIDA supervision.