

# 11 infra companies show interest in Ganga e-way

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Lucknow: At a time when the economy is passing through a rough phase, the expression of interest (EOI) by 11 infra companies to join the ambitious 594-km Ganga expressway is certainly an encouraging sign for chief executive officer, UP Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) Awanish Awasthi.

Talking to TOI after chairing a high-level meeting of bidders on Friday, Awasthi sounded confident of public funding for Rs 45,000 crore project. “Two companies from abroad IJM Corporation of Malaysia and Intopia Construction of South Korea, too, have shown interest in the project,” remarked the CEO.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath wants the Ganga e-way project to be started soon and the EOI by 11 companies for the project has proved a big booster, Awasthi said, adding that the UPEIDA has also engaged a financial consultant to submit recommendations for the mode of project funding. tnn