

₹11,000cr infra booster to fast-track expressways

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Expressway projects crisscrossing the state received a funds booster ahead of the assembly polls with a budgetary allocation of Rs 11,000 crore to fast track construction.

While construction of Purnvanchal expressway connecting Lucknow with Ghazipur nears completion, the state government zeroed in on Bundelkhand expressway and Gorakhpur link expressway with a budgetary allocation of Rs 1492 crore and Rs 860 crore respectively for the twin projects executed by UP Expressway Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA).

The state government also green-flagged 594km Ganga expressway by earmarking Rs 7,200 crore for land acquisition and another Rs 496 crore for kicking off construction.

Finance minister Suresh Khanna reiterated that Purnvanchal expressway would be

NO SPEED BUMP

Allocation of ₹12,441cr made for construction/strengthening of roads and bridges



Total allocation for expressway projects | Nearly **₹11,000cr**



For construction of railway overbridges, an allocation of **₹1,192cr** made



Govt has earmarked ~~₹555cr~~ for linking hamlets and remote rural areas with main district roads



State govt seeks to expedite construction of Bundelkhand Expressway and Gorakhpur Link Expressway, while making budgetary allocation for land acquisition for **Ganga Expressway**

complete within "stipulated time". An allocation of Rs 1,107 crore has been made for the project in the new fiscal.

The budget allocated Rs 1,492 crore for the 296Km Bundelkhand expressway. Also, a budgetary allocation of Rs 860 crore has been made for 91km Gorakhpur link expressway. Around Rs 12,441 crore was earmarked for construc-

tion and strengthening of roads and bridges and of the total allocation, Rs 4,535 crore has been kept aside for road maintenance. Construction of Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) too have received a budgetary flip of Rs 1,192 crore. The state government also earmarked Rs 496 crore for linking hamlets and remote rural areas with main district roads.