

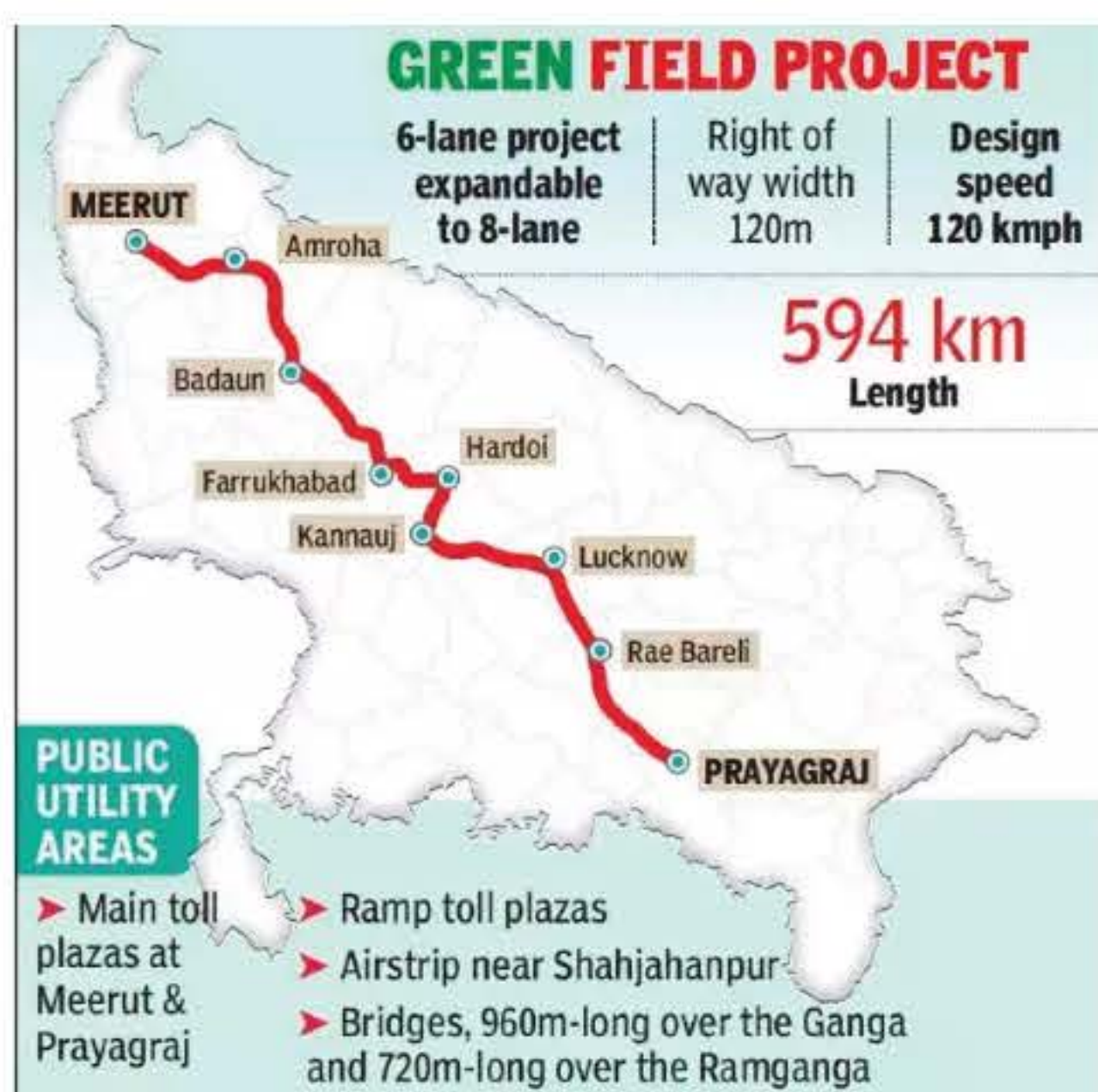
93% land for Ganga Expressway acquired, bidding to begin with 60-day deadline: UP cabinet



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LUCKNOW: With 93% land for [Ganga Expressway](#) already acquired, the government will begin the bidding process for construction of the 594km greenfield project.

On Thursday, the state cabinet gave its nod to float the request for quote (RFQ) and request for proposal (RFP) under four groups of three packages each.



Government spokesperson [Sidharth Nath Singh](#) said, the bidding process needs to be completed within 60 days. "The Ganga Expressway is the second longest expressway in the country. The sanctioned cost of the project is Rs 36,320 crore, including civil work and construction. Of this, Rs 36,320 crore is for civil work and Rs 9,255 crore for land acquisition and purchase," the minister said. He further said, the project had been divided into four sections of four packages each.

The cost of each section ranges between Rs 5,000 and Rs 5,800 crore and selection of bidder will be done for a 30-year agreement. "During the cabinet meet, chief minister [Yogi Adityanath](#) said, areas where industrial clusters will be created should be immediately earmarked. Public utilities will come up at nine places and will be expanded in coming days. The cabinet also gave its nod to technical and structural works," he said.

'Public utilities to come up at 9 places on e-way'

The second largest expressway in the country from [Prayagraj](#) to [Meerut](#), will be built on public-private partnership mode and will straddle 12 districts with links to Purvanchal Expressway, Agra-Lucknow Expressway and Yamuna Expressway, ensuring swift travel to the national capital from eastern UP.

An official said, industries that will get a fillip with the expressway include handloom, food processing, cold storage, godowns and milk-related industries. Also, industrial training institutes, educational and medical institutes will be set up along the expressway or its periphery.

"The project will also boost tourism and development of areas in its hinterland. Industries that will come up along the expressway are likely to provide at least 20,000 jobs," the official said.