

UP OKs addl cost for Jewar airport link rd

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To Connect It With Del-Mum Expressway

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Lucknow: Clearing the last hurdle to ensure connectivity of the Noida International Airport with Delhi-Mumbai expressway, the Yogi Adityanath government on Saturday approved a budget of Rs 48.62 crore which was required for completion of the project.

The DND-Faridabad-Ballabgarh Bypass Link Road will link the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway to the upcoming airport at Jewar, Greater Noida. This 31-km road will connect the airport with Ballabgarh in Haryana to facilitate the movement of vehicle owners between Yamuna Expressway and Delhi-Mumbai Expressway.

"The state (UP) government has approved an additional Rs 48.6 crore in view of the provision made for the difference in the re-fixed rate for land (required for) the project," UP government said in a statement.

"The difference in land valuation for the DND-Faridabad-Ballabgarh Bypass Link Road, connecting the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway and the Jewar Airport, has been determined at Rs 3,100 per square metre. The state government has issued administrative and financial approval of Rs 48.6 crore based on this rate for the purpose," it added. The director of the state's civil aviation department will be "responsible for monitoring the quality of work, standards, and related factors".

"The Yogi government aims to make the Jewar Airport fully operational by mid-2024. Therefore, in coordination with industrial development committees and the civil aviation department, the plans are progressing consistently," the statement added.

The Gautam Budh Nagar district administration acquired 64 acres of private land for the project. More than Rs 250 crore has been distributed as compensation



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to the land owners subsequently. However an increased amount was required later on to take over the land in Dayanatpur, Karauli Bangar, Amarpur among other villages.

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is going to construct an interchange at the 30 km milestone on the Yamuna Expressway (from Greater Noida end) to facilitate the movement of motor vehicles between the two expressways.

While the NHAI was ready to bear the cost, the state government was asked to ar-

range for the additional land required for building the interchange in the Jewar villages.

The proposal was put up before the state government and on Saturday a government spokesperson announced that the last tranche of funds required for the project had been sanctioned. The additional amount will cover the additional acquisition cost in the villages for both interchange and the link route as per the re-fixed rate decided by the local administration, said the spokesperson.