

11 companies bid for EV charging points across UP

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Lucknow: Initial interest was expressed by 11 companies to set up electric vehicle charging infrastructure along the network of expressways in the state. The Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) had floated the proposal and sought interest from private companies to provide charging infrastructure alongside the high-speed corridors.

Companies, including Reliance, GMR Energy, Adani Total Energy, Light Zip Technology, Siemens, EV Plugs, among others, participated in the pre-bid meeting that was organised recently. Sharing more details about the 26 charging stations planned, officials said 2,000

sqft area would be provided for a lease period of 10 years.

The Yogi Adityanath government has directed officials to execute the project on the public-private partnership mode, under which, private players will have to install fast chargers for two-wheelers, three-wheelers, four-wheelers and electric buses.

Adherence to safety protocol would be mandatory. Public charging stations must get operational within 180 days after land being handed over. After five years of setting up a charging station, the government will start receiving 5 per cent of the overall revenues generated by the players through the operation. UPIEDA is also contemplating to develop roadside amenities (facilities)

es) along the Bundelkhand Expressway, Purvanchal Expressway and Gorakhpur Link Expressway. The facilities will be developed on the design-build-finance-operate and transfer model.

The wayside amenities will include parking space for cars, buses, and trucks, outlets for food and beverages, dhabas, ATMs, free basic medical and first aid facilities, small repair shops, purified drinking water, toilet and restroom facilities, budget hotels, separate facilities for trucks, warehouses and auto workshops. Additionally, landscaping, rainwater harvesting, and high-mast lights will be installed. Furthermore, in future, the facility of a banquet hall and wedding hall may also be provided.