

# 23 UP bus stations set to be developed

**Lucknow:** As part of the state govt's plan to develop 23 bus stations in 16 districts through Public Private Partnership (PPP) in the first phase, UPSRTC has started identifying alternate locations from where buses will operate till the bus stations are developed.

Principal secretary, transport, L Venkateshwarlu and MD, UPSRTC, Masoom Ali Sarwar, had a meeting with DMs and SDMs of the districts where the bus stations are situated, through video conferencing.

The locations to shift the operation of buses, till the existing bus stations are developed, have been identified in Rae Bareilly and other districts.

Concession agreements

have been signed with private developers to develop 11 of the 23 bus stations. For remaining bus stations, concession agreements will be signed after the approval of the cabinet. Developers have to get designs of stations approved by UPSRTC and obtain clearances from govt departments. The day the developers submit NOCs to UPSRTC will be the 'appointed date' and bus terminals have to be made ready within two years of this date.

The 16 districts where the bus stations have been identified for development are Ghaziabad, Agra, Prayagraj, Lucknow, Meerut, Aligarh, Gorakhpur, Ayodhya, Bulandshahr, Bareilly, Raebareilly, Mirzapur, Varanasi, Kanpur, Mathura and Hapur. TNN