## Cabinet nod to Ayodhya, Knp high-speed road corridors

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New Delhi: In a big boost to highway development, the Union Cabinet on Friday approved eight major national high-speed road corridor projects of 936km entailing Rs 50,655 crore investment. Three of the eight projects will decongest the cities of Ayodhya, Kanpur and Guwahati. Among the projects approved are four-lane Ayodhya Ring Road and six-lane Kanpur Ring Road.

The Ayodhya Ring Road (68km) will be developed at a cost of Rs 3,935 crore and will reduce congestion on the NH passing through the city, enabling faster movement of pilgrims visiting the Ram Mandir. It will also provide seamless connectivity to national and international tourists arriving from Lucknow and Ayodhya airports and major railway stations in the city.

Similarly, the six-lane Kanpur Ring Road project



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will entail an investment of Rs 3,298 crore. NHAI will also build a four-lane Guwahati Ring Road (121km) with an investment of Rs 5,729 crore.

Govt said the projects, spread across nine states, will improve logistics efficiency, reduce congestion, enhance connectivity and generate around 4.4 crore mandays of direct and indirect employment.

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