

UPEIDA: 70% of approved land acquired for industrial corridors along expressways

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THE STATE government has till date acquired 3,827 hectares of land — around 70 per cent of the approved land — for industrial corridors along the Ganga, Bundelkhand, Agra-Lucknow, Purvanchal and Gorakhpur Link Expressways, the UPEIDA said on Monday.

Over Rs 5,500 crore has been invested in land acquisition, including stamp duty and registration charges, the

government added.

The project aims at promoting warehousing, logistics, electronics, food processing, pharmaceuticals and IT industries, said a statement issued by the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA).

These corridors would play a vital role in helping the state achieve its goal of becoming a \$1-trillion economy, it said.

Nearly 20,000 landowners have been compensated for land acquisition and purchase. The expressway-based industrial

corridor scheme is an effort toward inclusive economic empowerment and long-term development, the UPEIDA stated.

Over 1,043 hectares of land acquired — 998 hectares purchased and 45 hectares reclaimed — covering more than 70 per cent of the approved area for Ganga Expressway. Industrial corridors are being developed at 11 locations, covering 12 districts.

Along the Bundelkhand Expressway, more than 1,528 hectares were acquired, 1,475 hectares were purchased, and 53

hectares were reclaimed, representing 80 per cent of the approved land. Corridors aims to benefit more to districts such as Banda and Jalaun.

Along the Purvanchal Expressway, around 873 hectares were acquired, which is approximately 60 per cent of the approved land. Key industrial hubs will emerge in Lucknow, Barabanki, Sultanpur, Azamgarh and Ghazipur.

For Gorakhpur Link Expressway, over 168 hectares acquired — more than 80 per cent of the approved land.

