

PM set to launch Lucknow-Kanpur e-way this month

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Lucknow: The 63-km-long expressway connecting Lucknow and Kanpur could be thrown open for regular movement by May 31. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to flag off the first motor vehicle on the e-way in the coming days.

The six-lane expressway (National Expressway 6) has been constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 3,700 crore and would reduce the travel time between the two key cities from the existing 2 hours to 45 minutes. The expressway has been designed to maintain a maximum speed of 120 km per hour.

The matter gained significance after the Prime Minister's Office sought details about the project from ministry of road transport and highways (MoRTH) on Monday. The ministry in turn got in touch with the UP west regional office of National



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Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in Lucknow on the same day.

Since then, both NHAI officials, along with senior administrative officials deputed in Unnao, have begun work on creating an outline of the programme. The public address of the PM and other dignitaries could take place at Amaras, a village in Unnao situated almost 51 km away from the starting point of the expressway in Lucknow.