

UP Cabinet clears four expressway projects worth over Rs 47,600 cr

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The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet on Tuesday approved four major infrastructure projects to strengthen the state's expressway network, including two new link expressways, the Vindhya Expressway and the Vindhya-Purvanchal Spur Link.

The state Cabinet cleared the revised and final Request for Proposal (RFP) for two Greenfield link expressways connecting the Agra-Lucknow Expressway, with the Purvanchal and Ganga Expressways, along with the alignment of the Vindhya Expressway and the Vindhya-Purvanchal Spur Link.

According to Finance Minister Suresh Kumar Khanna, the 50.98 kms six-lane (expandable to eight lanes) Greenfield Link Expressway connecting the Agra-Lucknow Expressway to the Purvanchal Expressway



will be built under the EPC model at an estimated cost of Rs 4,75.84 crore.

The Cabinet also approved a 90.84-kms six-lane (expandable to eight lanes) Greenfield Link Expressway connecting the Agra-Lucknow Expressway to

the Ganga Expressway via Farrukhabad at an estimated cost of Rs 7,488.74 crore. Together, the two link projects are valued at more than Rs 12,264 crore.

Following Cabinet approval, the tender process for selecting developers for both projects

will begin. The selected agencies will be required to complete construction within 36 months and maintain the expressways for five years after completion.

The state government said the projects are aimed at creating an integrated expressway grid

by linking the Agra-Lucknow, Purvanchal and Ganga Expressways, reducing travel time and fuel consumption while improving connectivity and boosting economic activity. The Cabinet also approved the alignment of the six-lane (expandable to eight lanes) Greenfield Vindhya Expressway, an ambitious project estimated to cost approximately Rs 26,315 crore.

The expressway will improve connectivity to Prayagraj, Bhadohi, Mirzapur and Sonbhadra. In addition, the Cabinet approved Option 1 of the Vindhya-Purvanchal Spur Link project, estimated to cost about Rs 90.39 crore. The spur link will connect Ghazipur, Mirzapur and Chandauli, further strengthening eastern Uttar Pradesh's road network.

With these approvals, the state has cleared four expressway projects with a combined estimated investment of more than Rs 47,600 crore.

State Cabinet approves purchase of new electric buses, 250 e-buses to be added to UP Roadways' fleet

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The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet on Tuesday approved a proposal to purchase new electric buses to expand the Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (UPSRTC) bus fleet. A total of Rs 425.50 crore will be spent on this project.

Under this decision, a provision of Rs 400 crore has been made for the financial year 2025-27. In addition, UPSRTC will bear an additional Rs 25.50 crore. This clears the way for the purchase of 250 new electric buses.

State Finance Minister Suresh Khanna stated here that, as per the Cabinet decision, 100

electric buses (12-meter, 3+2 Type-II, 50-seater) and 150 electric buses (12-meter, 2+2 Type-III, 41-seater) will be added to the roadways fleet. The operation of these buses will make the public transport system in the state modern, environmentally friendly, and passenger-friendly.

A total expenditure of Rs 425.50 crore is estimated for the purchase of new electric buses. Of this, Rs 400 crore will be provided by the state government, while the remaining Rs 25.50 crore will be provided by the Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation from its own resources. The Yogi government

has also decided to prioritize Uttar Pradesh manufacturers in the purchase of buses, which will boost industrial activity in the state.

As per CAQM directives, from November 1, 2026, only CNG, electric, and BS-6 vehicles will be permitted to enter Delhi. The purchase of new electric buses will ensure Uttar Pradesh Roadways' timely compliance with these standards, ensuring uninterrupted bus operations in the NCR region. This decision by the Yogi government is also considered significant in light of the environmental standards being implemented in the National Capital Region (NCR).

