

UP Cabinet approves Ganga Expressway extension to Haridwar, Jhansi link expressway

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The Yogi Adityanath government on Tuesday approved a major expansion of Uttar Pradesh's expressway network, clearing the extension of the Ganga Expressway from Meerut to Haridwar and giving the go-ahead to the Jhansi Link Expressway project.

UP Finance Minister Suresh Kumar Khanna said the proposed Ganga Expressway extension will cost approximately Rs 10,761 crore and is aimed at improving connectivity between western Uttar Pradesh and Haridwar.

He said the extension of the Ganga Expressway to Haridwar will also facilitate connectivity between Bijnor and Haridwar. This is expected



to boost religious, tourism, and business activities, as well as provide a new impetus to travel between the eastern and western parts of the state.

The Cabinet also approved the development of the Jhansi Link Expressway, an ambitious greenfield project estimated to cost Rs 7,968.30 crore, with the entire expenditure to be

borne by the state government.

The 106.30-km-long expressway will start near Phulpura village in Jalaun district at chainage 170 300 of the Bundelkhand Expressway and connect to Ambabai in Jhansi on the North-South Corridor of National Highway-44.

The project will initially be developed as an

access-controlled six-lane expressway, with provision for expansion to eight lanes in the future. Its design speed has been fixed at 120 kmph, while a 110-metre right of way will be acquired for the project.

The expressway will pass through the Orai region of Jalaun district and the Garautha, Tahrauli, Moth and Jhansi tehsils of Jhansi district. It is also expected to strengthen road connectivity in and around Garautha.

Following a financial evaluation, the project will be implemented under the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) model instead of the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode. Construction will be undertaken in two packages.

The Cabinet further approved a proposal to establish an

Integrated Manufacturing and Logistics Cluster in Sultanpur at an estimated cost of Rs 272 crore. The industrial cluster will be developed near the Purvanchal Expressway by the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA). UPEIDA is developing integrated manufacturing and logistics clusters at 29 locations along various expressways in the state under the Industrial Corridor Plan.

The Sultanpur cluster will have an extensive network of two-lane and four-lane internal roads, including 11,620 metres of internal roads and a 2,000-metre approach road.

The project will also include RCC drains, culverts, a modern fire station, an overhead water tank, a water supply network, boundary fencing and a 132/33/11 kV electrical substation.

