

UP to pump in over ₹4,000cr for new expressway link

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Lucknow: More than Rs 4,200 crore will be infused to augment the expressway infrastructure in the city. The 50km link route connecting Agra-Lucknow expressway to Purvanchal Expressway would require Rs 3,200 crore for construction and an additional Rs 1,000 crore to acquire 598 hectare of land. A total of 36 villages on the outskirts of Lucknow would be impacted due to the land acquisition, shows the preliminary report prepared by the expressways industrial authority.

The UP expressways industrial development authority (UPEIDA) has started its homework to give shape to the project. The consultant roped in to prepare the detailed project report has started carrying out surveys in the villages to finalise the alignment of the project.

A six-lane greenfield link expressway has been proposed, which would facilitate the movement of motor vehicles between the two opera-



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tional expressways in a seamless manner. Presently, it takes about 40 km to reach the entry point of Purvanchal expressway from the exit of Agra-Lucknow expressway, and a vehicle owner must negotiate the congested city streets to cover the distance.

“The alignment of the proposed expressway is currently being finalised. It will roughly span between the toll plazas that exist at the 290km milestone of Agra-Lucknow expressway and the 9km milestone of the Purvanchal expressway. However, instead of an average of 80-90 minu-

tes, the commute time would be reduced to 30-40 minutes,” said an officer.

The consultant working on the project prepared four options, out of which the shortest one spanned 41km and the longest was 62km. As cost estimates of structures and land acquisition were considered, the best option, which spanned 50km, was shortlisted.

Sakra, Adampur Indwara, Mavai Padiyana in Kakori, Lonha, Jatikhhera, Parvar in Sarojininagar, Banthara Sikanderpur, Kurauni, Jaitikhhera in Banthara, Sithauli Kalan, Ratiyamau and Pahasa in Gosgainganj are some villages where land has to be acquired to construct the link route. Once approved by the state govt, it will take three years to construct the route, officials said.

UPEIDA's additional chief executive officer, Srihari Pratap Shahi said, “Once the detailed project report is ready, we would present it before the senior officials and table it in the board meeting for the further procedure.”