

4-lane spur route to connect B'khand e-way to Chitrakoot

15km-long
Route To
Cost ₹515Cr

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Lucknow: A 15-km-long four-lane spur route will be constructed to link Bundelkhand Expressway to Chitrakoot. The greenfield expressway would span between Gonda and Ahmadganj towns in Chitrakoot and would be completely access controlled, officials said.

The spur route would come up as a second option for commuters and transporters who would take up to land in defence corridor in Chitrakoot. Currently, Bundelkhand Expressway originates in Etawah and terminates near Bharatkoop area in Chitrakoot.

The expressway will be designed to facilitate movement of motor vehicles at a maxi-



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mum speed of 120km per hour according to road safety measures.

It is estimated that the expressway would cost close to Rs 515 crore. The right of way of the carriageway will be 110 metre while land would be left adjacent to the 15-km long high speed route to add one lane on the either side to upgrade the four-lane expressway to six-lane in future.

According to the detailed project report prepared by UPEIDA (Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority), 167 hectare of land will be required to

'Link e-way to boost industrial growth'

Gorakhpur: The soon-to-be-inaugurated Gorakhpur Link Expressway is not just a major infrastructure milestone but a catalyst for industrial growth across eastern Uttar Pradesh, a govt spokesperson said. "The 91-km-long expressway is driving the development of an industrial corridor along both its flanks, attracting investments and job opportunities. The Gorakhpur Industrial Development Authority (GIDA) has developed two major industrial sectors (27 and 28) adjacent to the expressway. At the expressway's starting point, global beverage giant PepsiCo has already set up a bottling plant with an investment of Rs 1,100 crore," he said. The plant is operational and has created significant local employment. "Coca-Cola and Bisleri are in the process of acquiring land to establish their units nearby. A 92-unit Plastic Park is also taking shape within the industrial corridor. So far, 60 plots have been allotted," he said. TNN

shape up the project. It is crucial to create a spur route to connect the 296-km long Bundelkhand Expressway with Chitrakoot as the district is a part of the UP defence industrial corridor.

"To lure investors and entrepreneurs in the region, it is important to provide connectivity link between Chitrakoot and the existing expressway," a senior officer from the authority said. UPEIDA has already initiated the process

of awarding the 70 plots that have been developed in the Chitrakoot node of the corridor to defence manufacturing and technology companies.

"The reserved rate for one sq mt of land has been pegged at Rs 631 at present. Providing better connectivity and accessibility is crucial to attract investments and the spur route would connect the Chitrakoot defence node directly to Bundelkhand Expressway," the officer said.