

On SCR lines, new authority to develop Kashi, Prayagraj

LDA To Take Concept Of SCR Forward

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Lucknow: To put more area in the state on growth trajectory, the Uttar Pradesh govt is contemplating to set up another regional authority after the state capital region.

To cover Varanasi-Prayagraj region, the homework to carry out initial survey and research has been assigned to the Varanasi Development Authority. The working group constituted to work on the economic growth of the state convened a meeting on Monday to discuss modalities.

To complement NITI Aayog, which is working on economic transformation of Varanasi, the state govt would set up a dedicated Varanasi-Prayagraj regional development authority.

In another important decision, the working group designated the Lucknow Development Authority (LDA) as the nodal agency to take the concept of UP State Capital Re-

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- Nine nodes have been identified for urban growth in UP
- Collectors deputed in six districts asked to identify large land parcels
- Network of roads or mass transit system to be provided in future
- Travel time of one hour



required for commuting between Hazratganj and identified locations

- Target of getting Rs 10 crore infused over one acre land in UPSCR for job creation

“ A team of experts is working on the Varanasi-Prayagraj urban region and will prepare a detailed document in weeks to come. The idea is to provide land to attract capital investment and get industries to provide employment. Several points were discussed in the meeting and review will be held in the first week of Aug

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gion (UPSCR) forward during the meeting.

The need to appoint an experienced administrative officer, preferably of a secretary rank, as the chief executive officer of UP SCR at the earliest, along with office space, staff, resources and budgetary allocation was also cited.

While the working group is working on the broad outli-

ne, the CEO of UPSCR regional development authority would look after day-to-day functions to take decisive actions.

LDA was also asked to constitute a bid evaluation committee which will go through the outline of tender documents that are being drafted to rope in global planning agencies to prepare regional

plans.

A bid evaluation committee will be constituted to go through the outline of the tender document which will be drafted by LDA. After approval by the state govt, the global bidding process would be initiated to rope in expert planning agencies which would prepare the regional plan for SCR.

Chief town and country planner of the state, finance controller of LDA, an officer of UP Electronics Corporation Ltd, and administrative officials deputed in six districts (Lucknow, Hardoi, Sitapur, Barabanki, Rae Bareilly and Unnao) would be the members of the bid evaluation committee.

Administrative and revenue department officials were also asked to scout for land in six districts which could be developed. Barren land parcels and uninhabited tracts would be surveyed in the initial phase as it was felt that the process to acquire them would not be as challenging.

Meanwhile, the housing department is also finalizing the proposed land pooling policy which would be tabled before the cabinet for approval.