

B'khand e-way to be linked to Jhansi via high-speed corridor

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Lucknow: The process to connect Bundelkhand industrial area with a high-speed corridor has kicked off.

According to Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) officials, the work to find out the per km cost of constructing an access-controlled road corridor, which would bring down commute time from Bundelkhand Expressway to Jhansi has begun.

The link expressway, to span over a distance of 115 km to 125 km, is likely to come up at a suitable location in Jalaun and would be terminated in Jhansi near the landbank that is being developed by Bundelkhand Industrial Development Authority (BIDA).

Officials said the process to rope in a private agency or a consultant, which would prepare the detailed project report and the final alignment of the carriageway, has been initiated.



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“The final cost estimates and exact length would be available only in two to three months, after which the proposal would be put up before the industries department for budget approval,” said a senior officer from the authority.

More than 10,000 hectares of land would be developed in phases to create an alternative but attractive investment destination in UP, which could fulfil the demand of entrepreneurs who are unable to afford big land parcels in western UP.

“Providing high-speed

connectivity to the industrial area in Jhansi is crucial. It would also increase the vehicular traffic on Bundelkhand Expressway in the future,” said an officer engaged by the industries department.

The state govt has compiled a list of focus sectors which would be promoted, including agro, food processing, textile, IT and ITes, renewable energy, defence, aviation, logistics, data centre, sports goods, semiconductor, film production and pharmaceuticals among others.