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Widen Yamuna Expressway to 8 lanes from 6: Yeida to Jaypee

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GREATER NOIDA: The Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (Yeida) directed Jaypee Infratech Limited (Jil) on Tuesday to prepare a detailed project report (DPR) to widen the 165km Yamuna Expressway, which connects Greater Noida with Agra, to eight lanes from the existing six.

“According to the concessionaire agreement, the toll operator has an obligation to widen the six lanes to eight lanes because the number of commuters has increased to 32,000 per day. When we realised that daily commuters have increased to 32,000, we told Jil to widen the expressway,” said Arun Vir Singh, chief executive officer of Yeida.

Yeida on Tuesday directed Jil to prepare the DPR within the next three to four months, said officials. “Once the DPR is submitted, it will be approved so

Yeida to revise building by-laws for building Jewar aviation hub

GREATER NOIDA: Yeida on Tuesday decided to revise the urban town planning building bylaws so it can approve maps of buildings to be built in the civil aviation hub under development at Jewar along the Yamuna Expressway.

Yeida has earmarked 5,800 hectares for the aviation hub, which includes Noida International Greenfield airport, and a maintenance and operations hub.

“Our building bylaws have

provisions to approve maps and regulate development of group housing, commercial, institutional and industrial units. Since our building bylaws do not cover the aviation hub, we need to revise them or add a new chapter. Then we will be able to approve and regulate development in the aviation hub,” said Arun Vir Singh, CEO of Yeida. Yeida’s urban town planning department has been told to prepare an agenda regarding this. **HTC**

that work can begin. Our aim is to finish the eight-lane expressway within a year,” said Singh.

A Jil official requesting anonymity said, “We have got direc-

tions from Yeida regarding widening of the expressway and we will soon prepare the DPR.”

The Yeida CEO also directed Jil to revise the median of the

Yamuna Expressway. “We have directed Jil to increase the height of the side median so that vehicles do not fall off the road. We have taken this decision after several vehicles hit the roadside barrier and fell off the expressway,” said Singh.

In a meeting with Jil management on Monday, Yeida discussed safety issues on the expressway in the wake of several accidents caused due to low visibility brought about by the fog, said officials.

On December 20, 2022, one person died and at least 20 others were injured when a bus with 60 passengers hit a stationery container near Dankaur on the expressway. The bus fell off the expressway as the side median height was not up to the mark, said officials.

“The Indian Road Congress says the height of the side median barrier should be 2.78 metres so that vehicles do not fall off. Currently, the height is only half a metre,” said Singh.