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THE CEO (OF NOIDA AUTHORITY) HAS DIRECTED US TO FINISH THE PROJECTS, LATEST, BY JANUARY 15.

>HOM SINGH YADAV, chief engineer, Noida authority

Noida to pay ₹45 crore for expressway project

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NOIDA: The Noida authority will pay ₹45 crore to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) towards the construction of an elevated road over the 165km Yamuna Expressway, which will connect to the 135km Eastern Peripheral Expressway.

Officials said that Noida's ₹45 crore contribution will be spent on acquiring land for the construction of the elevated road. The Uttar Pradesh government has directed the Noida authority to pay ₹45 crore because the

YAMUNA EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY HAS TO BEAR THE COST BUT IS UNABLE TO DO SO DUE TO FUNDS CRUNCH. SO, NOIDA AUTHORITY WILL PAY ITS SHARE INSTEAD

Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) is unable to bear this expenditure due to a funds crunch.

"The state has to bear the land

cost for national highway projects. Therefore, YEIDA should have paid the money on behalf of the state government. But due to the financial issues with YEIDA, the UP government has directed the Noida authority to bear the expense of ₹45 crore, to be spent on procuring land for Eastern Peripheral project's interchange to be built above 165 km Yamuna Expressway," Sandip Chandra, chief project engineer of the Noida authority, said.

The Supreme Court has directed the Centre to construct 135km Eastern Peripheral Expressway to decongest Delhi

roads and reduce air pollution caused due to vehicles. The NHAI is constructing Eastern Peripheral Expressway on the periphery of Delhi-NCR. A 22km stretch of the 135km expressway falls in Gautam Budh Nagar, passing through 39 villages in Greater Noida.

"We need a total of 57 hectares of land for the Eastern Peripheral Expressway in the areas falling under YEIDA. We have written to the UP government to provide the land for the interchange to be built across the Yamuna Expressway. If the UP government has asked the Noida

authority to pay the money for land required for the expressway, then we will expedite work on this part of the project right after we get the land," Kishore Kanyal, project director, NHAI, said.

The ring road-like expressway will pass through Greater Noida, Ghaziabad, Faridabad and parts of Delhi. The NHAI needed land from 39 villages in Gautam Budh Nagar for the expressway, which was proposed in 2005. In May 2017, YEIDA had refused to provide land for free for the 135km Eastern Peripheral Expressway.