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**CLEARED** Haryana allots Rs 132-crore for Northern Peripheral Road Expressway that was caught in litigations for three years

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**URGAEON:** The proposed 150-metre wide and 18-km-long Northern Peripheral Road (NPR) Expressway is finally set to take off. The expressway was stuck in a legal wrangle between the government and the people whose houses needed to be demolished to construct it.

The Haryana government has formally approved a budget of Rs 132 crore for the project that was envisaged along with the 16-km-long Southern Peripheral Road (SPR) in the Master Plan 2021 notified three years ago in 2007.

The NPR is the widest expressway of the country.

The Haryana Urban Development Authority (HUDA) officials said since 14 km of the total NPR stretch was litigation-free, the work on it would start first at a budget of Rs 67 crore.

"After having received a green signal on the project for a budget of Rs 132 crore, we would soon float tenders for the 4-km patch," said a senior HUDA official.

He said the work on the rest of the 4-km stretch will start later when the litigation on it and the disputes with the property owners was resolved.

The Haryana government has already released hundreds of residential and commercial projects to private developers. It has also taken about Rs 4,000 crore of external development charges from them for providing master infrastructure such as roads, sewerage and drainage system for the new projects.

It was out of acute pressure from the private developers that the Haryana government had attempted to get rid of the NPR project and had approached the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) urging it to take

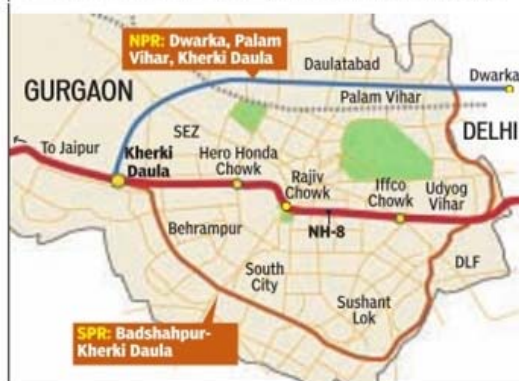


Work in progress on Southern Peripheral Road.

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- 150-metre-wide and 18-km long are the dimensions of the Northern Peripheral Road
- Rs 132 crore is the budget approved for the NPR project by the Haryana government
- The project was envisaged with the Southern Peripheral Road in

- Master Plan 2021 notified in 2007
- 90-metre is the SPR's width
- SPR connects NH-8 and with Faridabad Road and MG Road
- SPR and NPR will form a ring around Gurgaon. They will link Palam Vihar and MG Road via NH-8 near Kherki Daula village



it over. However, the NHAI too had turned down the request.

According to the HUDA officials, the remaining 4-km patch had about 700 metres running through an SEZ, 1,175 metres in properties of Palam Vihar,

300 metres in village Kherki Daula and 1,000 metres in proposed railway over bridge.

The HUDA officials said the state government had offered plots to the property owners whose structures and land

came under the alignment of the NPR in sector 45 under Ashiana Scheme and the disputes will soon be over paving way for the work to start on the rest of the stretch of NPR.

## WORK BEGINS ON SPR

Finally part of the work of construction of 90-metre wide Southern Peripheral Road (SPR) has taken off.

The road connects National Highway-8 with Faridabad Road and further MG Road.

Cutting of Aravali Hills and the earth work has started on the 2.1-km stretch between Sector 55/56 and Faridabad Road. It will be completed within four months.

According to HUDA officials has awarded the project costing Rs. 7.5 crore to a private company.

After its completion, the residents of DLF City (Phase -V), Sushant Lok-II and III, Sector 55/56/57 and other HUDA sectors of the area will get third direct connectivity with Faridabad Road. Currently there are two connecting roads through Sector 42 and 53.

The SPR and NPR together would form a ring around Gurgaon and connect Palam Vihar and MG Road through NH-8 near village Kherki Daula.

So far the town and country planning department has issued close to hundred licences to private sector developers for setting up residential and commercial projects along the expressways.

Since then, the developers have been pressuring the Haryana government to start the projects.

Ajit Singh, the owner of the company that received the project, said the work would have started had the permission to cut the Aravali Hills come in time from the Union Environment Ministry.