

## **NHAI awards contract for National Highway project in Karnataka**

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has issued Letter of Award (LOA) for development of national highway number 4A in the state of Karnataka.

The four-laning of Belgaum–Khanapur Section of about 30 kilometres has been awarded to M/s Ashoka Concessions Limited on Hybrid Annuity Mode at a cost of Rs. 892.16 crore. The two-laning of about 52 kilometres of the Highway on Karnataka/Goa Border with Paved Shoulder has been awarded to M/s Dilip Buildcon Limited on EPC Mode at a cost of Rs. 503.22 crore.

This section of NH-4A is an existing flexible pavement connecting Belgaum, a major city in the State of Karnataka, and Panaji, the State capital of Goa, a major port and an international tourist destination passing through the settlements of Khanapur, Gunji and Ramnagar.

Work includes construction of two major and six minor bridges, and five ROBs, for free movement of traffic in major cross roads and reduce conflicts. Two Bypasses have also been proposed on the stretch. Keeping in view the safety of road users, all major intersections have been provided with 21 Vehicular Underpasses/Vehicular Overpasses/ Light Vehicular Underpasses etc. The project also provides four bus shelters. The concession period of the projects is 17.5 years, including construction period of 2.5 yrs.

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