

## NHAI awards contract for two highways development projects in the state of Jharkhand

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has issued Letter of Award (LOA) for development of following national highway sections in the state of Jharkhand on EPC mode:

NH No.	Section	Length	Total Capital Cost	Contractor's Name
32	2/4 laning of Govindpur (Rajgunj)-Chas-JH/WB Border under NHDP Phase-IV	57 km	Rs. 946 crore	M/s Ashoka Buildcon Ltd.
33	4 laning of Barhi-Hazaribagh section under NHDP phase-III	41 km	Rs. 700 crore	M/s Ramky Infrastructure Ltd.

Development of 57 km long Govindpur – Chas- Jharkhand/ West Bengal Border section involves 4-laning of 38 km and 2-laning with paved shoulder of 19 km of national highway. The scheduled time of completion is two years. The project will have 4 Railway-Over-Bridges, 1 Railway-under-bridge and 5 km long bypass for Maheshpur town.

The project corridor passes through two important industrial districts i.e. coal mining hub of Dhanbad and steel city of Bokaro. This is a crucial link for inter-state connectivity between Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha and other parts of the country. Development of the section would facilitate transportation of coal and steel, thus contributing to industrial development in the country.

The 41 km long Barhi-Hazaribagh section would improve connectivity of important cities of Hazaribagh, Ranchi, Jamshedpur to Delhi –Kolkata corridor through NH-2. The project will have construction of 5 major bridges, 3 elephant crossings, 2 vehicular underpasses and a 11 km long bypass for Hazaribagh city. The schedule time of completion is 21 months.

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