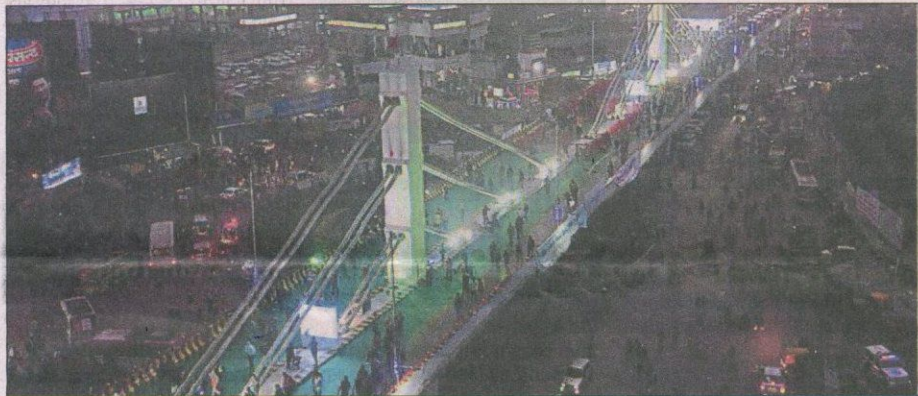


# Rs 10-crore plan to link Station Road, Exhibition Road flyovers



## ■ Station Road flyover

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**PATNA:** One flank of the just opened Station Road flyover will be connected to the Exhibition Road flyover, which is being used as a one-way since its opening in February last year.

The road construction department (RCD) has planned an elevated roundabout on the road connecting the northern side of Chiraiyatand road over bridge (RoB) to facilitate to and fro traffic on Exhibition Road flyover and connect it with the Station Road flyover.

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Presently, those taking recourse to Station Road flyover from Mithapur side exit via Chiraiyatand RoB. And if someone wants to go to Exhibition Road via Station Road flyover, he or she needs to take a U-turn from the already congested Kankarbagh Colony turning.

The four-lane Station Road flyover, connecting Mithapur RoB

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with Chiraiyatand RoB, was inaugurated by chief minister Nitish Kumar on Tuesday. The idea of the flyover was mooted to provide smooth passage for commuters exiting to Kankarbagh area from R-Block and Bailey Road and vice-versa.

Confirming the plan to modify the exit route of Station Road flyover, RCD minister Nand Kishore Yadav said that the department was looking into the scope to link Station Road and Exhibition Road flyovers. "Once a roundabout is built, Exhibition Road flyover would be opened for traffic either way," he said.

Principal secretary of RCD Amrit Lal Meena said the department had already prepared the detailed project report to link the two flyovers through a roundabout. "A central government's

public sector undertaking, Central Road Research Institute (CRRI), is conducting the road safety audit of the project. Once it gives safety clearance, work on connecting the flyovers will commence," said Meena.

Officials said, Bihar Rajya Pul Nirman Nigam Limited (BRPNL) has prepared a Rs 10 crore plan to build the link between the flyovers. The Exhibition Road flyover was built at the cost of Rs 44 crore and it was originally supposed to be linked with the Station Road flyover project.

Acknowledging, the cope for a likely traffic mess on the Kankarbagh exit of Chiraiyatand RoB after flow of traffic increased on the Station Road flyover, the minister said he had asked the engineers of Bihar Rajya Pul Nirman Nigal Limited and the RCD to look for a way out.

"The exit route for Kankarbagh Colony and Postal Park through Chiraiyatand RoB is very narrow and it is difficult to widen further for want of space. I have asked engineers to explore how the route could be decongested," said the minister.