

# R-Block-Digha rail land transfer MoU to be signed on Aug 12

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**PATNA:** The Railways and state government will sign memorandum of understanding (MoU) for transfer of 71 acres of R-Block-Digha railway land to the state government on August 12 in presence of railway minister, Piyush Goyal.

The state government has already paid the railways Rs 222 crore in lieu of the land.

“With signing of the MoU, the ownership of the railways land will be transferred to the state government and



■ **R-Block-Digha railway line.**

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the railways will start dismantling the 150-year-old track,” said road construction minister Nand Kishore Yadav here on Wednesday.

After the state govern-

ment handed over the money to the railways, the Bihar State Road Development Corporation (BSRDC) is now hiring consultant to prepare the detailed project report

(DPR) for a four-lane road from Digha to R-Block. “We want to start the work in this fiscal itself. The proposed road, estimated to cost Rs 380 crore, upon its construction will help reduce vehicular load on Boring Road, Bailey Road and Boring Road-Patliputra Kurji Mor. Instructions have been given to prepare a plan keeping in mind the future metro railway,” said Yadav.

Sources at the BSRDC said they had proposed to build the four to six lane roads with service lanes so as to make it congestion free. The

proposed road will have two flyovers—one at crossing at Bailey Road near New Secretariat and another to jump Ashok Rajpath at Digha. There will be three underpasses to make way for traffic to important localities on the way.

Bihar’s deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi recently had also urged the railway minister to hand over the 11.95 acre of land of Patna Ghat-Patna Saheb rail line to the state government for better connectivity to Patna City by construction of elevated four-lane Ganga path.