

# CM approves alignment of D'pur-Bihahta elevated road

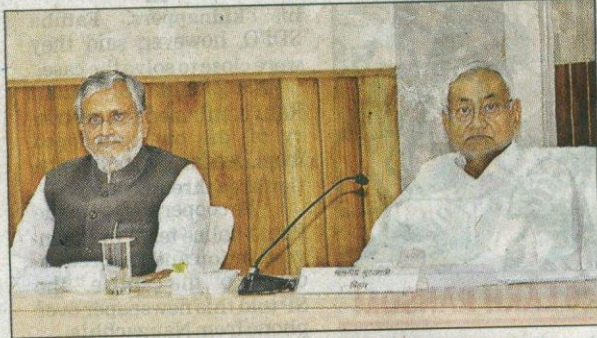
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**Patna:** CM Nitish Kumar on Monday approved the alignment of Danapur-Shivala-Bihahta elevated road. The 20km-long four-lane elevated road will be constructed at the cost of around Rs2,000 crore.

Road construction department (RCD) principal secretary Amrit Lal Meena told TOI that the detailed project report (DPR) of the proposed elevated road had already been finalized by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). With the approval of alignment by the CM, the works of land acquisition would be accelerated, he said.

As per the approved alignment, the state government would now have to acquire 45 hectares of land at different locations alongside the proposed road and hand it over to the NHAI for construction of the four-lane elevated highway which would connect Patna to the upcoming civil enclave at Bihta airport via Danapur station and Shivala Chowk.



Chief minister Nitish Kumar with his deputy Sushil Kumar Modi at a review meeting in Patna on Monday

Meena said the CM approved the alignment during a review meeting of the RCD and rural works department (RWD) at 'Samvad' auditorium here.

While the RCD constructs and maintains major roads like state highways of the state, the RWD takes care of the rural roads, connecting villages and village to block headquarters.

He said the elevated road would originate from Kha-gaul road overbridge (RoB) and end after Bihta Chowk. Of the total 20km length, 17km would be elevated.

The elevated portion would terminate at the Bihta-Sarmera road junction near Kanhauli village. From that junction, the road would go up to the Bihta chowk besides connecting the Bihta airport. It would again be elevated at the Bihta chowk.

Meena also said three lanes of the six-lane road bridge on river Sone at Koilwar would be completed by October this year.

It would ease traffic movement on the old bridge at Koilwar. The rest three lanes would be completed by March 2020, he said.