

NHAI to construct three new bridges

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Patna: The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is set to commence work on at least three new bridges in state in the current financial year.

Road construction minister Nand Kishor Yadav on Friday said work on a four-lane bridge over the Sone at Koilwar would commence from this month and on another two-lane bridge over the Ganga at Buxar from October. Both bridges are being constructed under the ongoing project of four-laning of Patna-Ara-Buxar NH-30 and NH-84.

The Patna-Ara-Buxar NH would also be connected to Lucknow-Ghazipur expressway. Nand Kishor said a four-lane road has already been constructed between Lucknow and Delhi, which means that Patna would have high-speed road connectivity with the national capital.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had laid the foundation stone for the four-lane road connecting Patna and Buxar on August 18, 2015. NHAI has divided the 125km-long Patna-Buxar project in two parts - Patna to Ara (NH-30) and Ara to Buxar (NH-84).

On the upcoming bridge over the Sone river at Koilwar, Nand Kishor said, "The work on 1.5km-long bridge having four lanes would commence from this month. The bridge will be developed under Patna-Ara NH-30 four lane project with an estimated expenditure of Rs 186 crore by December 2019."

With regard to another upcoming bridge at Buxar, Nand Kishor said, "The two-lane bridge would be developed over the Ganga as part of Ara-Buxar NH-84 four lane project with an estimated expenditure of Rs 96 crore. The work will commence from October this year and complete in two-and-a-half years."

The minister said work on another



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six-lane bridge over the Ganga near Mokama in Patna district - between Hathidah and Simaria - would also commence in the current financial year. "The contract for construction of the 8.15-km long bridge has been awarded to a firm. It would be constructed with an estimated expenditure of Rs 714.53 crore," he added.

Chief minister Nitish Kumar discussed the projects with NHAI chairman Deepak Kumar, a Bihar cadre IAS officer, on Thursday. Earlier, Nand Kishor met Union road, transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi on September 4, during which deliberations were held on important centrally-sponsored road projects in Bihar, including those sanctioned under PM Narendra Modi's special package of Rs 1.25 lakh crore for the state.