INFRASTRUCTURE

METRO RAIL PROJECT

The Lucknow Metro is a Mass Rapid Transit System being constructed under the able supervision of renowned metroman S.Sridharan to provide the city of Lucknow with an environment friendly atmosphere. Lucknow Metro Rail Corporation Limited is working on this project which will be an alternative mode of transport Lucknow Metro will be having two corridors, North to South and East to West.

The North-South corridor is being constructed at a cost of Rs. 6800 crore having a stretch of 22.08 kms between Transport Nagar and Munshi Pulia. The first leg of North-South corridor from Transport Nagar to Charbag has been completed and likely to run for public by the end of March,2017. The Lucknow Metro, when completed, will be the fastest and most economical high speed rapid transit system project in India Not only this, but the Metro Rail Project of Kanpur has also been inaugurated. In addition, process is on for construction of Metro in Varanasi, Allahabad, Meerut and Agra also.

Expressways

The Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority has been set up to develop Expressway Project in the state. The ambitious 302 km long-Agra Lucknow Expressway is controlled-access highway or expressway constructed by UPEIDA for traffic decongestion and reduce pollution besides cutting short the travel time. The expressway has been constructed at a total cost of Rs 15000 crore. This Greenfield Project is the longest expressway in India. The six lane expressways which is expandable to eight lanes in future, has reduced the distance between Agra and Lucknow city and now it can be covered in three and a half hours. Air Strip has also been constructed on this expressway so that fighter planes can be landed on the expressway in any emergency.

Similarly, the Rs. 22000 crore Purwanchal Expressway will be eight lane access-controlled expressway. The 353.406 km long expressway will connect the historic towns of Ballia and Azamgarh with the State capital, Lucknow by passing through Barabanki, Sultanpur, Faizabad, Ambedkar Nagar, Azamgarh, Mau and Ghazipur districts.

Four-lane Roads

The objective of the four lane road project is to connect all the district headquarters of the state with four lane highways. About 55 districts have already been connected with four lane highway under this ambitious project. It has been initiated to connect all the district headquarters of the state with four-lane highways in the current financial year. For this purpose a provision of Rs. 1111 crore has been made in the financial year 2016-17.

<u>CG CITY</u>

The UP Govt. is developing a new township Chak Ganjaria (CG City) in the state capital. This mega project is being developed on 850 acres of land situated on Lucknow-Sultanpur National Highway. About 320 acres of land is proposed for setting up facilities like IT City, IIIT, UP administrative services academy, modern milk processing unit Medicity and world class cancer hospital. The remaining 530 acres have been handed over to LDA for infrastructures like roads, sewerage, residential units, commercial complexes, township and green areas etc.

IT CITY

The government signed an MoU with the investment arm of the HCL in June last year for setting up a 100-acre Information Technology city (IT city) in Lucknow. It would create job opportunities for 25,000 jobless youths and indirect jobs for 50000 others. The Rs. 1,500-crore IT city project, with the concept of "walk to work", is to be developed at the Chak Ganjaria farm on Lucknow-Sultanpur Road.