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**THE** foundation stone for the Jaora-Nayangaon state highway project in Madhya Pradesh was laid on June 19, at the hands of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan. The Rs 847-crore project involves four laning of the

128-km stretch on SH-31, aiming to decongest the busy road and spur economic activity in the region. A special purpose vehicle, Jaora Nayangaon Toll Road Company Pvt. Ltd, is implementing the project on BOOT basis under a 25-year concession period from state nodal agency Mad-



A state highway in Madhya Pradesh. Photo: MPRDC Ltd

hya Pradesh Road Development Corporation Ltd.

The SPV is a four-way joint venture between Subhash Projects & Marketing Ltd, SREI Infrastructure Finance Ltd, PNC Infratech Ltd and Viva Infrastructure Pvt Ltd. The state highway project also marks the entry of SPML is road infrastructure. "The recent restructuring of our company has given a new focus to our infrastructure business", Sushil Sethi, Managing Director, SPML, noted in a company statement.

The project is on the verge of attaining financial closure, Ashish Jain, Dy. Director, PNC Infratech Ltd told Projectmonitor. "The entire land has been handed over", he added.

Meanwhile, a project official from MPRDC said that a JV between Zaidun Leeng Sdn Bhd of Malaysia and Artefact Engineers had been appointed as supervision and quality control consultants. The project will involve a negative grant (payable by the concessionaire to MPRDC) of Rs 15.39 crore for the first year, increasing by 5 per cent annually for another 21 years.

"Negative grant is payable once toll collections start. Out of the 25-year period, three years would be consumed for financial closure and construction giving an operational life of 22 years. After this, the toll road will be handed over to MPRDC," he observed.

## UP demands action on state roads

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**THE** Uttar Pradesh government has asked the Centre to expedite its proposal to construct a 477-km all-weather road along the Indo-Nepal border, including 90 minor bridges and 29 major bridges, in the state. The state government had submitted the proposal for approval in March this year. The project is estimated to cost Rs 900 crore.

The ministry of home affairs

has agreed to hold a preliminary meeting with the Uttar Pradesh and Bihar governments in this regard. The ministry has, however, asked the UP government to first confirm the availability of land for the road project and funding from the ministry of road transport and highways.

The UP government has also asked MoRTH to expedite work on pending NH way projects and upgrade existing highways in the state.