

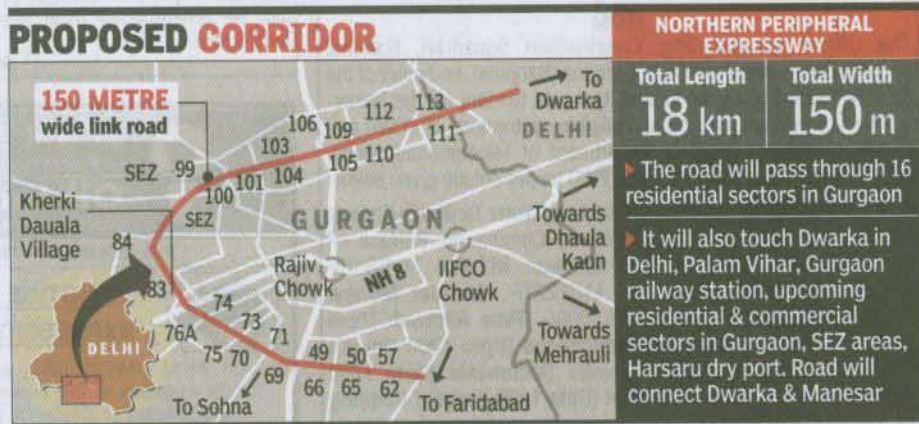
Dwarka-NH8 expressway put on fast track

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Gurgaon: With the Haryana Urban Development Authority (HUDA) preparing the final proposal for the Northern Peripheral Expressway, the project has been put on the fast track. The eight-lane expressway will cost about Rs 120 crore.

"The final draft has been sent to Chandigarh and four months after we get the approval, the construction work will begin," said Pankaj Kumar, superintending engineer, HUDA.

The road is an important part of Gurgaon-Manesar Master Plan 2021 and is aimed at providing the shortest alternative between the new growth centres of Delhi and Gurgaon. The 18-km stretch



will connect Dwarka and National Highway 8.

The 150-metre wide road, starting from Dwarka, will connect Palam Vihar and the upcoming big SEZs in Gurgaon to join the NH-8 near

Kherki Daula. The road will cover at least 16 new residential sectors. This will touch a commercial corridor and the Harsaru dry port, besides providing direct connectivity to the largest SEZ to be devel-

oped by Reliance Industries and the Haryana government.

The project will also have a railway overbridge at Garhi Harsaru. "We have written to the Railways for permission. The cost of the ROB will be

over and above the Rs 120-crore cost we have estimated for the road stretch," said Kumra.

Dwarka is set to be a hub of activity with the development of a huge convention centre there. "The stretch will have 30 metres of green belt on both sides. The plan is to develop a model road. We are working hard to expedite the work on the Haryana stretch which starts from Bijwasan road. In the Delhi section, we have been given to understand that work can be initiated only after the zonal plan is approved and we hope that it will happen soon," said a senior HUDA official.

The officials said work on the project was delayed after several residents of Palam Vihar — whose houses were to

be demolished — moved court and a final order is still awaited. A number of private colonisers have acquired licences from the state government to develop townships along the expressway that will connect the proposed Southern Peripheral Expressway on the other side of the Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway. The six-lane southern expressway will connect Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway with Mehrauli-Gurgaon Road and Gurgaon-Faridabad Road.

Besides, a link road between Nelson Mandela Road in Vasant Kunj and DLF Phase II and a third link road from MG Road to the Gurgaon-Faridabad Road will also bring the capital closer to this satellite township.