



Raxaul-Haldia Expressway will Start in 2023

Why In News?

According to information received from media sources on December 18, 2022, Bihar is going to get the gift of a new expressway soon. DPR is being prepared for the construction of greenfield expressway from Raxaul in the state to Haldia in West Bengal. Construction of the expressway will begin in 2023.

Key Points

- According to information received from sources, about **695 km**. The Raxaul-Haldia expressway will be constructed at a cost of about Rs 54,000 crore. Along with this, the deadline for completion of this road has been fixed at 2025.
- The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has approved the **Raxaul to Haldia Expressway to enhance connectivity from Nepal Port to Haldia Port in West Bengal**. With the construction of this road, the distance from Deoghar to Kathmandu will be completed in just 12 hours.
- Raxaul-Haldia Expressway will pass through several districts of Bihar and reach Haldia in Jharkhand and West Bengal. During this time it will pass through about nine districts of the state. These include West Champaran, East Champaran, Muzaffarpur, Saran, Patna, Biharsharif, Sheikhpura, Jamui and Banka. After this, this expressway will enter Jharkhand and go from Saraiyahat, Nonihat and Dumka to Haldia Port from Panagarh in West Bengal.
- In fact, most of the goods for Nepal come from other countries other than India, but to go to Nepal, the goods land at Haldia Sea-Port. At Haldia Port, goods disembark from the ship and reach the Dryport at Sirisiya in Raxaul by truck and train. From here, goods are delivered to Raxaul and nearby cities of India. At the same time, goods coming to Nepal are sent to Jharkhand and West Bengal from Raxaul Dryport. The construction of the new expressway will also facilitate the transportation of goods.

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