



# Odisha-Jharkhand Expressway

## Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on September 9, 2023, the DPR of the expressway to be built from Littibeda in Odisha to Sithio (Ring Road) in Jharkhand's capital Ranchi has been prepared. Total 147 km. A long expressway is to be built, which will be a completely green corridor.

## key points

- Out of this, 121 km is to be built in Jharkhand. Three phase work worth around Rs 3400 crore is to be done here. This also includes the amount of land acquisition. At the same time, about 26 km will be constructed in Odisha. Its cost will be around Rs 700 crore.
- With the construction of this road, it will be possible to reach Sambalpur from Ranchi in about two hours.
- It is known that the alignment of this road was not being finalized. Once it was amended by the Ministry of Forest and Environment. Once again there was objection to this. In such a situation, the DPR was changed several times.
- A corridor will be constructed for the passage of wild animals, elephants etc. To prevent wild animals from coming on the road, an eight feet high guardwall will be built. Many measures are being taken regarding security.
- Work is to be done in three phases in Jharkhand. In the first phase, work of about 30.35 km is to be done from Keriya to Kyondapani. In the second phase, 43.7 km from Kyondapani to Latra and in the third phase, about 47 km from Latra to Sithio (Ranchi). The work will be done.
- At the same time, in Odisha, the road will be built in two phases from Litebada to Jamtoli (Keria) via Zoram.

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