

# Cabinet nod for ₹2,776-cr road project in Himachal

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The Centre today approved four-laning of a road stretch to be developed at an estimated cost of ₹2,776 crore in Himachal Pradesh.

The decision was taken at the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) meeting, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The CCEA has approved four-laning from 'the end of Pandoh Bypass to Takoli' section of National Highway 21 in Himachal Pradesh, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways said in a statement. The project will help in reducing the time and cost of travel, it said.

"The cost is estimated to be ₹2,775.93 crore, including cost of land acquisition, resettlement and rehabilitation and other pre-construction activities. The length of the road to be developed is approximately 19 km," it said.

"This work will be done under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase IV B on Hybrid Annuity Mode," it said. Employment potential of approximately 77,000 mandays will be generated locally during the construction period.