

# UP set to invite bids in Nov for Jewar airport developer

Acquiring Land To Take 2 Months, Notification Likely In Oct First Wk

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**Noida:** The UP government will invite bids in November to pick the developer of the international airport that is to come up at Jewar, the CEO of the nodal agency for the project has said.

Arunvir Singh, who heads the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA), told **TOI** the airport schedule is on track, and the process to award the contract to a concessionaire — the company that will build and operate the airport, like GMR does for IGI — is likely to be completed in January 2019. A senior official said the district administration was hopeful of completing land acquisition by then as well.

If the government sticks to this timeline, the airport's first phase, with two runways, is likely to be operational in 2022-23. The state government is preparing the bid document in consultation with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

The state government is preparing to issue a notification under Section II of the land acquisition law to acquire around 3,400 acres for the international airport.

Earlier this month, officials had said they had reached the 70% consent threshold from

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### ROAD AHEAD



#### Land Acquisition

Notification likely in Oct first week. Process to take 2 months if farmers don't have major objections



#### Choosing A Developer

UP govt working on bid document with PwC. Bids set to be opened in Nov. Jan 2019 timeline for awarding contract



#### Construction

If there are no changes to this timeline, first phase to be completed and opened in 2022-23



#### Rehabilitation

₹2,300/sq m for agricultural land. A plot half the size of a house is acquired and ₹5.85L and a job to one member from each affected family

farmers, without which the process of land acquisition cannot move forward.

A source said the notification may be issued in the first week of October. District magistrate BN Singh said the process of data collation is on for the notification but did not give a deadline.

If no major objections are filed by villagers, the acquisi-

tion can be completed within two months of the notification being issued, an official said.

The state government and YEIDA are also in talks with industrialists and real estate companies to provide employment to affected farmers. Credai (western UP) president and chairman of Prateek Group Prashant Tiwari said developers were ready to provide

employment opportunities.

Under the rehabilitation package, the state government has proposed to give Rs 2,300 per square metre for agricultural land and half the size of residential plots if one's house is acquired in an urbanised area. The government has also promised to give Rs 5.85 lakh compensation and a job to one member from each affected family.

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