

# Plans to reduce travel time to Patna to 3.5 hrs: Dy CM

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**Patna:** Road construction department (RCD) has been given target to ensure that travel from any part of the state to Patna takes only 3.5 hours. To achieve this, the department officials have been instructed to prepare a road map and take swift action, said deputy chief minister-cum-RCD minister Vijay Kumar Sinha on Wednesday.

Sinha said, "The state will further tread on the development path as visualised by the CM in his Pragati Yatra. He announced that 67 schemes of the RCD were approved by the state cabinet, worth Rs 7,741 crore."

Sinha emphasised that the department is committed to the timely completion of these schemes. The construction of roads and bridges under the schemes will make travel easier for the general public. This is the govt's priority. To achieve this, department officials have been instructed to prepare a road map and take swift action.

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**VIJAY KUMAR SINHA**

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**RCD MINISTER**

"The state govt granted administrative approval for the construction of the Bakhtiarpur-Bahadurpur Bypass road at an estimated cost of Rs 13,528.26 lakh. The bypass road will be 7.5 km long and will include the construction of 18 culverts and one bridge. The road will have a width of seven metres and will connect

Bakhtiarpur to Bahadurpur, facilitating easy and safe travel between Khagaria and Begusarai districts," he said.

Approval was also given for the construction of a high-level RCC bridge over the Kanakai river in Kishanganj district at an estimated cost of Rs 4,825.56 lakh. The proposed bridge will connect Asuraghat and Nisandara Ghat, with a total length of 295.24 metres and an approach road length of 400 metres. The bridge will have a total width of 12 metres, facilitating smooth and safe travel for the people of the region.

"A high-level RCC bridge over the Mahananda river in Kishanganj district was also approved by the state cabinet. The bridge will be built at the 42nd km of the Kishanganj-Tayyabpur-Thakurganj-Galgolia road, with an estimated cost of Rs 6181.48 lakh," Sinha added.

The proposed bridge will have a total length of 270.64 metres and a width of 12 metres, with an approach road of 800 metres.