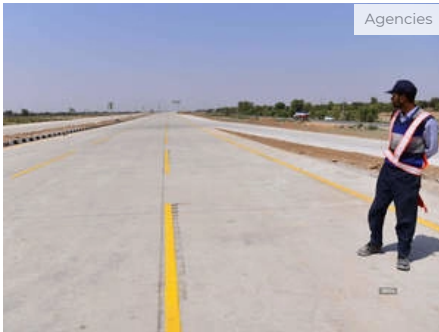


National Highways Authority of India forms SPV to fund Delhi-Mumbai Expressway

Synopsis

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The SPV shall raise debt on its balance sheet, while NHAI will retain the operational control during construction and operation and maintenance periods. The toll on the projects housed in SPV shall be collected by NHAI and SPV shall get the annuity payments without any construction and tolling risks.

ET was the first to report in May last year that NHAI was looking to form an SPV for the Delhi-Mumbai expressway. The initial plan, however, was to rope in equity partners to fund the project.

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