

Expert team okays road from Togan village to Mullanpur

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CHANDIGARH: An expert group for the social impact assessment on Monday approved the report to acquire 18-acre land for two-km new road from Togan village in Mohali to Dhanas and go to Sarangpur village in Chandigarh, and New Chandigarh (Mullanpur) in Mohali.

Now, UT will issue a notification for acquiring the land for the road. For the two-km long, 200-ft wide road, called PR-4, the UT will acquire land from the owners in Dhanas and Dadumajra villages. The road will start from Togan, pass by the marble market in Dhanas and the newly-constructed Chandigarh Housing Board (CHB) flats, and connect with Sarangpur and Mullanpur.

The road will provide connectivity to the residents of Chandigarh's southern sectors — 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42, and villages near Togan, as they will be able to go to Mullanpur directly, instead of using the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) road.

Expert group for social impact assessment was chaired by Ashok Gupta, former Punjab IAS, and representatives of the villages and the UT administration.

UT land acquisition officer Arjun Sharma said, "We are hopeful of completing land acquisition by this year's end. Compensation rates to be awarded will be based on the market value of the land and the committees will negotiate with the land owners before the rates are fixed."