

Airport Road extension to New Chandigarh starts in a month

ACQUISITION NEARING COMPLETION GMADA is acquiring 112.6 acres of land for the project

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MOHALI: With the land acquisition process nearing completion, the Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA) is expected to start work on extending the Airport Road (PR7) to New Chandigarh in a month's time.

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GMADA is acquiring around 112.61 acres of land in eight villages— Jandpur, Deshu Majra, Rani Majra, Palheri, Bahalpur, Daun, Hussainpur, and Sinhpur, for the road extension project.

The total cost of the acquisition is around ₹345 crore. The acquisition cost ranges from ₹85 lakh to ₹5.5 crore. Deshu Majra village land priced at ₹5.42 crore per acre is the costliest.

"The authority has got government approval for the announcement of compensation

and it will be made in the first week of May. Within a month of the announcement, payment will be made to the land owners; and the authority will take possession simultaneously. The entire process for the finalisation of land possession is expected to be completed in a month. The construction on the project will start thereafter,"

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said the official.

The process of land acquisition started in April 2016 with the Section 4 notification for carrying out the social impact assessment.

Thereafter, in January 2017, preliminary notification was made that the land was being acquired for public purpose—for extending the Airport road to connect Mohali with New Chandigarh.

In January this year, declaration for acquisition of land was announced.

The road will be extended from the Mohali-Kharar highway, and will pass through Hussainpur village and Thaska to meet the main road, which connects Chandigarh with the Siswan-Kuruli road at Majri.