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MYSORE: Work on 9-km stretch of outer ring road (ORR) between Mysore-Nanjangud Road and Bannur Road has been stalled for many years for want of funds.

With the Union Government turning down Mysore Urban Development Authority's (MUDA) proposal seeking Rs. 90 crore under Jawaharlal National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) for completing work on the stretch, the MUDA is planning to allocate funds for it in its budget to be presented on Monday.

“We will construct the stretch as two-lane instead of four-lane and it is expected to cost Rs. 40 crore,” MUDA Commissioner P.C. Jayanna told *The Hindu* here on Sunday.

“Since it is difficult to get Rs. 90 crore for completing work on the ring road, we will construct the stretch as two-lane as the cost will be borne by MUDA alone,” Mr. Jayanna said

The Commissioner disclosed that the Union Government had approved allocation of Rs. 219 crore under the JNNURM for widening the ring road into six-lane.

Tenders would be invited soon for widening the 32.5-km long ring road into six-lane, he added.

The ring road stretch between K.R.S. Road and Mysore-Hunsur Road is two-lane and rest of it is four-lane. The need to widen the ring road has become necessary in view of a large number of vehicles entering the city from Bangalore.

“A survey conducted in 2008 showed that nearly 8,000 PCU (passenger car units) enter the city every day from the Mysore-Bangalore highway. This number is expected to increase in future. During the Dasara last year, the number of vehicles entering the city saw a three-fold increase. There will be a lot of pressure on the city roads if the ring road is not upgraded soon,” according to official sources.