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## MCG asked to rework Old Delhi-Gurgaon road revamp plan

GURGAON: The state Urban Local Bodies department has asked the MCG to rework its detailed project report (DPR) on the redevelopment of the Old Delhi-Gurgaon Road. It has asked the corporation to make certain changes and include utilities like signboards, streetlights and horticulture in the report.

According to the DPR prepared and submitted to the Urban Local Bodies department for approval, Rs 61 crore was to be spent on the redevelopment the 7.8-km-long road, used as a major alternative to the Delhi-Gurgaon expressway which usually sees massive traffic during peak hours. According to a source, the department was not happy with the report as it didn't take into account utilities like signboards and issues like beautification of the road. They said preparing a new DPR will delay project.

"The four-lane road running parallel to the Delhi-Gurgaon expressway will have six lanes. The 7.8-km stretch from Dundahera (Delhi-Gurgaon border)

to Mahavir Chowk is being widened at an estimated cost of Rs 61 crore. But now that the ULB department has asked us to revise the report and add few other things, the project cost will go up along with the deadline," said a senior MCG official. "The

department has asked us to include in the DPR the cost that will be incurred to install signboards on the road stretch, besides beautifying it. We will talk to the engineering and horticulture departments to figure out the cost before revising the DPR and sending it to Chandigarh," the official said.

The road is in a bad condition with part of it dug up to lay sewer pipelines. The stretch that remains dug up houses offices of MNCs on both the sides, with the commuters taking at least half an hour to cross it near Dundahera. It seems like the MCG has turned a deaf ear to the traffic police's repeated requests to speed up the pipe laying work on the road stretch.