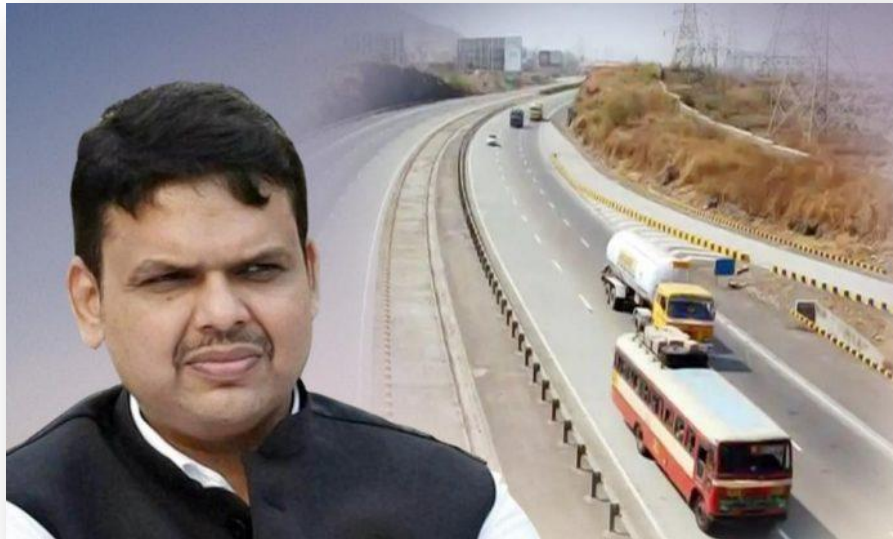


## Maharashtra government requests Defence Ministry to declare Mumbai-Nagpur Samruddhi Expressway as Defence Industry Corridor



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Maha wants Samruddhi Expressway to be defence industry

Maharashtra Devendra Fadnavis said here Friday that the state government has requested the Defence Ministry to declare Mumbai-Nagpur Samruddhi Expressway as a defence industry corridor.

Addressing a gathering of Indian and French business delegates at Indo-French Conclave here, Fadnavis said, Mumbai-Nagpur Samruddhi Expressway will be one of the most vibrant and economically viable corridors in India, on the lines of corridors in Seoul and Busan (in South Korea).

“I have also requested the defence minister to declare Samruddhi Expressway as a defence industry corridor,” he said.

The Union government is selecting certain areas for encouraging defence manufacturing and Maharashtra hopes to turn the Vidarbha, Marathwada region (through which the Mumbai-Nagpur Expressway will pass) as a defence industry hub, the chief minister said.

“We have already started the work on this 700-km greenfield road, and hopefully it will be completed in next two years,”he said.

It is not a mere road but an economic corridor which will connect the industry in Vidarbha, Marathwada with JNPT Port in Mumbai, Fadnavis said.

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