

'Trans-harbour link work order to be given by Oct 31'

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Chief minister Devendra Fadnavis on Saturday announced that the work order for the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL) project would be given before October 31, 2016, and actual work would start before December 31, 2016, with its RFQ (Request For Qualification) out within the next seven to 10 days.

He was addressing a function — Resurgent India: Maharashtra Leads the Way — organised by the Indian Merchant's Chamber (IMC) in Churchgate. IMC presidents Dilip Piramal, Deepak Premnarayan, ladies wing president Shalini Piramal and chief minister's wife Amruta Fadnavis were also present.

Piramal and Premnarayan handed over a cheque of Rs25 lakh towards chief minister's relief fund for mitigating the drought situation in the state. Tarang Jain of Varroc Group and Anurag Jain of Endurance Technologies were felicitated for their achievements in respective businesses.



CM Devendra Fadnavis accepts a cheque of Rs25 lakh for drought relief

On being asked about the MTHL, Fadnavis said: "The project was heard of for the last 20 years and in the last 15 years nothing happened on it. After coming to power, all the permissions were availed in the last 18 months and the project is reaching the tender process. My government would give the work order before October 31."

Citing the example of coastal road project, Fadnavis said 60% of the traffic in Mumbai is from the Western Express Highway and coastal road is vital in this regard. "In less than six months we approached the prime minister and union environment minister, which resulted in chang-

ing the notifications for granting permissions for the coastal road project. The RFQ for the coastal road would be out in next seven to 10 days and actual work would begin by December-end," said the CM.

He added that the first flight from proposed international airport at Navi Mumbai would take off in 2019 and by October-November the price tender for it would be floated. "Accordingly, the contract would be awarded and the new airport would come up. The previous government had built one Metro line for Mumbai in eight years but we would provide 120km of Metro for Mumbai in 4 years," said Fadnavis.