## FIL Industries to Develop Dehradun-Mussoorie Ropeway Project

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FIL Industries and Poma SAS France have been awarded the construction of prestigious Dehradun-Mussoorie ropeway project, which once completed would be among world's five longest ropeways.

The chief minister of Uttarakhand, Trivendra Singh Rawat laid the foundation stone of the ropeway project to be completed in a public-private partnership with the state government in a three years' time. Senior management from FIL and POMA besides senior functionaries and officials of the Uttrakhand government were present at the occasion, according to a statement.

At the occasion, chief minister said the project is the longest passenger aerial ropeway development in India and will be amongst the top five globally in terms of length for mono-cable ropeway system. "The ropeway wouldd be made on a public private partnership (PPP) mode," Rawat said.

He added that the ropeway project "will definitely boost the tourism of Mussoorie". "Around1000-1200 people can be transported at one time using the ropeway. We will ensure there is also a proper transportation system in place to bring tourists from ISBT, railway station and airport to the ropeway,"

Dehradun-Mussoorie Ropeway Project involves development of approximately 5.5 kms of aerial passenger ropeway system, which will significantly reduce the travelling time between two scenic and famous hill stations of north India. The project will also include developing 2 terminals each at Dehradun and Mussoorie, parking spaces along with other facilities like ticket counters, waiting lounges, food and retail, public amenities, etc. The estimated cost of the project is Rs 300 crores.

"We are thankful to the Government of Uttarakhand for awarding us this project. FIL Group is a market leader in the development integrated mountain tourism infrastructure in the country and has a strong strategic collaboration with France-based POMA, the world leader in making ropeway transportation. The ropeway is a part of our initiative to develop and promote aerial ropeway transportation in India," said MD FIL, Syed Tariq Bukhari. "We are sure this will significantly enhance the already thriving tourism sector of Uttarakhand and add much convenience to visitors of these two picturesque hill stations. We are extremely delighted to be a part of this endeavour."

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