GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1648 ANSWERED ON 1ST AUGUST, 2024

DISTANCE BETWEEN TOLL GATES

1648. SHRI S VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Toll gates are to be located at the distance of 60 km from the adjacent plaza and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government had announced that Toll Plazas contrary to these rules would be closed, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether all Toll gates within the distance of 60 km from the adjacent plaza were closed, if so, the details thereof and the number of Toll plazas closed for violation of the said rules; and
- (d) whether there are Toll plazas still operating contrary to these rules and the time by which the said Toll plazas will be closed?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) Fee plazas are established on National Highways as per the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008, which stipulates that any other fee plaza on the same section of National Highway and in the same direction shall not be established within a distance of sixty kilometre provided that where the executing authority deems necessary, it may for reasons to be recorded in writing, establish or allow the concessionaire to establish another fee plaza within a distance of sixty kilometres. Provided further that a fee plaza may also be established within a distance of sixty kilometre from another fee

plaza if such fee plaza is for collection of fee for a permanent bridge, bypass or tunnel. The distance criteria of sixty kilometres for establishment of a fee plaza has come to existence after National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008 and there was no such criteria in earlier National Highways Fee Rules, 1997.

In addition, in case of closed user fee collection system, fee plazas can be established anywhere on the National Highways.

(b) to (d) Fee plazas functioning within 60 km range are also permissible and established as per the provisions of the NH Fee Rules and Concession Agreement.
