

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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UNIFORM TOLL COLLECTION ON NHS  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce Uniform Toll Collection on all National and Express Highways of the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Government has accepted the recommendations of the expert committee to set up Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) System across the country. The process for selection of a Consultant for finalizing a system Integrator through bid, for implementation of the ETC has started. The ETC envisages automatic collection of user fee (toll) in accordance with the prevailing Fee Rules. The salient features of ETC system are:

- (i) Vehicles should be uniquely identified and classified through On Board Unit (OBU), say Tag and the Road Side Unit, say Reader, once it passes through the toll gate;
- (ii) Toll should be immediately charged from the vehicle once it passes through the toll gate by debiting the user tag-card in accordance with the National Highways Fee Rules as applicable.
- (iii) Different toll operators should be able to realize their respective toll and should have access to the toll collection data;
- (iv) Violation in toll collection should be detected;
- (v) The cost to users should be low for acceptability by road users to achieve penetration.