

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6060

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QUEUES AT TOLL PLAZAS

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports/complaints of long queues and clearance at toll plazas on the various National Highways in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to address this problem and to ensure free flow of traffic at toll plazas;
- (c) whether there is any proposal of construction of separate subways on toll plazas in the country for ambulance carrying injured people; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (DR. TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

(a)&(b) There are reports/complaints of long queues at toll plazas at Km 24 (Sirhot) and Km 42 (Kharki Dhaula) on NH 8 under Delhi – Gurgaon Section. Notices were issued to the Concessionaire interalia for expansion of above toll plazas, but Concessionaire failed to comply and accordingly, Termination Notice has been issued on 18.02.2012. However, as per interim order of the Hon'ble Court, it is not to be given effect to till next hearing (21.05.2012). Thus matter is sub judice. Further to ensure seamless movement of traffic and collection of toll as per the notified rates, Ministry is switching over from existing manual toll collection to Electronic Toll Collection. A pilot project is already under implementation on Delhi- Chandigarh-Parwanoo Section of NH-5.

(c)&(d) NHA has no such proposal. However, as per NH (Fee) Rules, 2008 as amended from time to time, ambulances are exempted from paying toll.