

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

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OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY OF FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION

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

(a) whether the Transport Corporation of India Limited (TCI) in association with IIM-Calcutta (IIMC) has released a joint study report on the `Operational Efficiency of National Highways for Freight Transportation in India` claiming huge losses annually due to traffic snarls on highways and delays at toll plazas and checking points;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has undertaken any study to assess the fuel wastage at toll plazas and checking points including a survey regarding long travel time of freight volume of vehicles on highways;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the efficiency of freight transportation by roads?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (DR. C.P. JOSHI)

(a) to (d) Madam, Ministry is dealing on regular basis such issues.

(e) Government has already taken steps for implementing Electronic Toll Collection System in all toll plazas by 2014 by using Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Technology.