GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

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COMPLAINTS AGAINST TOLL AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government/National Highways Authority of India has received any complaints against the toll agencies during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise indicating the nature of these complaints along with the action taken thereon, toll agency-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to review the toll contracts and introduce uniform toll collection system throughout the country in view of increasing number of toll complaints; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA)

(a) to (b) Yes, Madam. The statement is given below:

PIU wise summary of complaints received against the Agencies.

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S. State PIU No. of Total no. of
No. / RO
         Complaints complaints in State
1 Andhra Visakhapatnam 7 10
Pradesh Vijayawada 3
2 Bihar Gaya / Varanasi 2 3
  Muzaffarpur 1
3 Delhi Gurgaon 32 33
 (including CMU Mathura /
Delhi - Badarpur
Gurgoan Elevated
Expressway)
4 Gujarat Ahmedabad 2 3
  Surat 1
5 Haryana
             Nil
6 Jharkhand
Dhanbad 8 8
          Nil
7 J & K
8 Karnataka Dharwad 1 1
9 Kerala
           Nil
10 Madhya Pradesh Raipur 1 3
  Indore 2
11 Maharashtra Pune 2 4
  Amaravati 1
  Nagpur 1
12 North East
               Nil
13 Odisha Bhuwneshwar 1 1
14 Punjab
           Nil
15 Rajasthan Udaipur 4 34
  Bharatpur 12
  Jhalawar 5
  Jaipur 13
16 Tamil Nadu
                Nil
17 UP & Uttrakhand Agra 1 7
  Gorakhpur 1
  Allahabad 1
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Mathura 1 Ghaziabad 1 Varanasi 1 Meerut 1 18 West Bengal Nil

Note:- In case, a section covers more than one State, the Complaint is shown in the State where the office of the RO is situated.

Nature of Complaints and action taken thereof;

- 1. Misbehaviour by the employees After verification, the concerned employees were warned/ removed from the duty. Agencies were directed to provide proper training to employees for good behaviour.
- 2. Bad condition of road Action taken for immediate repair and maintenance of road.
- 3. Poor maintenance of Amenities like toilets etc. Necessary directions were issued to the Concessionaires to maintain the amenities properly.
- 4. Delay in toll collection at the plaza/ closure of lanes Agencies were asked to engage efficient staff so that there may not be any abnormal delay and to keep all lanes in operation all the time.
- 5. Shortage of change (coins) Agencies/Concessionaires were asked to arrange sufficient change to avoid delay in clearing a vehicle.
- 6. Overcharging Necessary action has been taken against the Agencies found indulged in overcharging by levying penalties/ termination of contract as per Contract Provisions.
- (c) No, Madam. However Government has decided to implement Electronic Toll Collection system in the country by 2014 to minimize complaints from users.
- (d) Does not arise.