

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

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BRIDGES AND TOLL PLAZA

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

- (a) the details of small bridges from where toll tax is collected alongwith the details of small bridges from where toll tax collection is proposed to be stopped and the date by which proposal is likely to be implemented, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that fuel worth thousands of crores of rupees get wasted due to traffic jam on toll plazas in the country every year;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce Radio Frequency Identification System (RFID) on the toll plazas across the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and along with the steps taken by the Government to check huge losses and avoid traffic jams; and
- (e) whether instances of discrimination has been reported in the collection of tax at highways, if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

- (a) The list of bridges from where user fee is being collected is enclosed as Annexure. As per fee rules fee is to be collected in perpetuity. However fee shall be levied and collected at a reduced rate of 40% of the fee at the end of concession period in case of private investment project and on recovery of capital cost in case of public funded project.
- (b) Yes, Madam.
- (c) Yes, Madam.
- (d) Government has decided to implement Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) based Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) system for seamless movement on the National Highways. A company namely Indian Highways Management Company Limited (IHMCL) with equity participation from NHAI (25%) Concessionaire (50%) and Financial Institutions (25%) has been incorporated on 26.12.2012 for implementation of ETC on National Highways in India. Interoperability on Mumbai-Ahmedabad stretch has already been tested and ETC system on the section is successfully in operation at present.
- (e) No, Madam.