

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

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Electronic Toll Collection

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

- (a) whether electronic toll collection and online toll payment tag recharge facility is proposed to be introduced and if so, the details and status thereof;
- (b) whether any agreement has been signed with the Banks/private companies in this regard, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether highway commuters using smart cards to pay toll charges are likely to get concessions, if so, the details thereof along with the time by which sale of smart cards are likely to be introduced; and
- (d) the other steps taken by the Government to reduce congestion on toll plazas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (d) Yes Madam. Government is implementing Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) on National Highways in the country. For this purpose, NHAI has mandated Indian Highway Management Company Limited (IHMCL), a Company promoted by NHAI to engage Central Clearing House (CCH) service providers, RFID Tag issuers and plaza acquirers on pan India basis. IHMCL had engaged ICICI Bank and Axis Bank for providing the CCH services and Tag issuance. Subsequently, with an objective to revamp and scale up the ETC architecture, IHMCL has engaged National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) as turnkey service provider to provide interoperability between various agencies, define standards, coordinate among them to ensure adherence to standards and resolve disputes and manage the transaction clearing & settlement process. Government is considering giving discount to "FASTag" users.
