

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

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Logistic Firm Transport Corporation

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

(a) whether as per joint study carried out by logistic firm Transport Corporation of India and IIM-Kolkata the delay in toll plaza, additional fuel consumption on account of bad roads and frequent halts have resulted in the country incurring a loss of 1.4 lakh crore, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the corrective steps taken by the Government to overcome this situation; and

(c) the other steps taken by the Government to reduce stoppage delays so as to reduce wastage of time and also reduce fuel consumption cost?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (c) As per the joint study report 2011-12 carried out by the logistic firm Transport Corporation of India and IIM-Kolkata, an estimate indicated that the annual cost of delay to the Indian economy was Rs. 27000 crore per annum. Another estimate indicated that the impact of additional fuel consumption due to delay and slow speed of vehicles was Rs. 60000 crore per annum. The committee also recommended that the solution to the problem of toll delays is to gradually move towards Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) System. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has rolled out a cashless payment mechanism (FASTag) at Fee Plazas on National Highways. FASTag offers near non-stop movement of vehicles through Fee Plazas and convenience of cashless payments of toll fee with nationwide inter-operable Electronic Fee Collection Services. FASTag is operational on over 335 Fee Plazas on National Highways across the country. Use of FASTag increases user convenience and seamless travel at Fee Plazas thus saving on time, money and fuel.

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