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Title: Regarding problems at toll gates on National Highways.

SHRI C. GOPALAKRISHNAN (NILGIRIS): Hon. Speaker, Madam, *Vanakkam*. First of all, I pray my dynamic leader, Amma.

Madam, I want to raise an important issue concerning all the Members of Parliament and ex-Members of Parliament while traveling and crossing the toll-tax gates functioning in various National Highways across the country. It is the only bottleneck and major hurdle in the movement on National Highways in the country and it needs to be sorted out immediately to save the precious time of the commuting people and ease the movement of goods. All the concerned departments must act positively to resolve the difficulties.

Madam Speaker, as we are the people's representatives, we tour across our constituency and sometimes we go to State Headquarters in connection with our constituency problems. While going to airport or railway station or while undertaking tour by road, we have to cross the toll-tax gate. Our vehicles with MP sticker are not being allowed a hassle-free entry in all toll-tax gates even after showing our identity card which creates unnecessary problem. Sometimes our PAs or our representatives use our vehicle to drop us to and to pick us up from the airport or the railway station; at that time too they are facing the same problem.

Hence I would request the Union Government, through you, Madam, to take necessary steps, and instructions may be given to the concerned authority to allow the vehicles of the Members of Parliament and ex-Members of Parliament a hassle-free entry in all the toll-tax gates functioning in the country for the convenience of the Members as a privilege extended to us. Thank you, Madam.