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Title: Regarding cancelling the toll plaza being built at Shinde village on Nashik -Sinnar NH-50.

SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE (NASHIK): Hon. Speaker, Madam, thank you for giving me this opportunity. I would like to draw the attention of the Government on the forthcoming toll plaza in my Nashik constituency at Shinde village on Nashik – Sinnar NH-50 for only 25 kilometres small urban stretch.

The proposed toll is on the boundary of Nashik Municipal Corporation. The distance between the boundary of Nashik NMC and Sinnar Corporation is only 7 to 8 kilometres which will be developed within 4 to 5 years and the two cities will be combined by completion of this project.

In Sinnar there is an industrial zone whose work force stay in Nashik and travel daily. All agricultural goods and vegetables are carried by farmers from Sinnar to Nashik on this route by mini trucks and tempos. Also, due to social, personal and for visiting hospitals thousands of people travel and use this route for personal needs and not for commercial needs.

A provision for a monthly pass of Rs. 215 for a non-commercial vehicle and 50 per cent additional of the prescribed rate for commercial vehicle is made for 20 kilometres distance from the proposed toll plaza. But because of this distance Nashik city, Sinnar town and hundreds of villages will get affected and also the burden will be on about 35 to 40 lakhs of people and needy users in this urban area for the next 18 years.

For this 25 kilometres small stretch the project cost is Rs. 312.96 crore out of which the Government is funding Rs. 120.51 crore as VGF and the balance Rs. 192.45 crore should also have been funded by the Government but the Government has given on the basis of BOT and as a result of that around 35 to 40 lakhs people will suffer for the next 18 years.

Hon. Madam Speaker, through you, I would like to request the Ministry of Road and Surface Transport to cancel the toll plaza at Shinde village on Nashik – Sinnar NH 50 either by buy backing the toll plaza at Shinde and complete the entire work on Government funds or re-arrange the toll fee of Shinde toll ahead of the toll plaza towards Pune at Chalakwadi which will be a justice to the passengers traveling long distances. It will also help to reduce the hindrance to traffic and save traffic time. I would, therefore, like to request the Government to do the needful to avoid huge protests and allegations from public and also ensure that the Kolhapur toll incident does not get repeated in Nashik as well.

Thank you.