

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-732
ANSWERED ON – 26/07/2023

SIX LANING OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY 16 IN ANDHRA PRADESH

732. SHRI MASTHAN RAO BEEDA:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is considering to revise six laning of Nellore – Tada NH-16 in Andhra Pradesh without waiting for another ten years, in view of increased road traffic and thereby accidents;
- (b) whether Government is considering to revise MoU with toll collection agency, if so, details therefor, if not, reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Ministry has any proposal to set up new toll gate at Nellore city on NH 16, which is ten kilometers to existing toll gate; and
- (d) if so, reasons to start new toll gate in ten kilometers, amidst huge opposition from Nellore people?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) No, Sir. The four laning of Nellore - Tada section of National Highway (NH) - 16 has been executed on Build, Operate and Transfer {BOT (Toll) basis} and the Concession period is up to September 2031.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Ministry vide Gazette Notification S.O.No.346 (E) dated 04.02.2015 has notified to levy and collect user fee for Nellore Bypass at km 1378.900 of NH-16. The preceding User Fee Plaza (Musunuru) & succeeding User Fee Plaza (Venkatachalam) on NH-16 are in operation under respective BOT (Toll) Concession Agreements and they are located at a distance of approx. 53 km & 15 km, respectively from the proposed User Fee Plaza on Nellore Bypass.

The collection of user fee for Nellore Bypass at preceding Musunuru User Fee Plaza on Chilakarulipet - Nellore section of NH-16 and at succeeding Venkatachalam User Fee Plaza on Tada - Nellore section of NH-16 could not be taken up due to implementation and policy related issues.

The construction of User Fee Plaza at Nellore Bypass was also earlier initiated by NHAI in 2015 in order to avoid loss of toll revenue. However, the same could not be completed and operationalized due to public protest/ agitation.

NHAI has now awarded the contract for construction of Temporary User Fee Plaza at km 1378.80 of Nellore bypass section of NH-16 in 2023 for collection of user fee for standalone stretch of 17.166 Kms long Nellore Bypass to avoid loss to govt exchequer.
