## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3011 ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019

#### MODE OF PAYMENT AT TOLL PLAZAS

#### 3011. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

### Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS सडक़ परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to promote payment of toll through cashless mode at all the toll plazas at National Highways across the country;
- (b) whether the Government is satisfied with these steps or contemplating any other new scheme in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

#### THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) In order to facilitate smooth movement of traffic and reduce congestion on fee plazas, the Government has rolled out a cashless payment mechanism i.e. FASTag by implementation of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) based Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) system on National Highways. At present, it is operable at 457 fee plazas on National Highways. To make availability widespread and maximizing existing vehicles to affix FASTags, as per Notification No. 1361(E) dated 02.11.2017, all vehicles under category M & N, sold after 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2017 are required to be fitted with FASTag by the manufacturer of the vehicle or its authorized dealer. As per Notification no. 1081(E) dated 02.11.2018, Government has made it mandatory to affix FASTag for issuance of the National Permit (N/P) from 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2019. Further, bank neutral FASTag "NHAI FASTag" have been launched for easy availability at petrol-pump and on e-commerce site Amazon.

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