GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1220 ANSWERED ON 27TH JULY, 2023

NEW TOLL SYSTEM

1220. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to build National Highways (NHs) of which two-third would be of four lanes by the year 2030 and if, so the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to introduce GPS based toll system at all toll-plazas and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of waysides amenities created for commuters on NHs?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). Development and Maintenance Works on such notified NHs, including their capacity augmentation to four / six lane NHs standards, are accordingly taken up based on the traffic density, condition of the roads, inter-se priority and availability of funds. Presently, out of total NH length of about 1,46,145km, stretches of 4L lane and above configurations are about 45,384 km.

(b) Ministry has undertaken a pilot on Delhi – Meerut Expressway for tolling with the use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition Camera linked to FASTAG.

A Consultant has been engaged for Barrier less tolling with the help of the use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition Camera and Satellite Navigation tolling. Also, a team of experts, including international subject matter experts, are currently engaged on the study of global good practices & readiness assessment as well as preparation of standards & specifications and requisite legal changes.

(c) Works have been taken up for development of Wayside Amenities (WSAs) along NHs. About 181 nos. of WSA sites have been awarded so far, out of which 43 nos. of WSA sites have been operationalized.
