# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 866 ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020

#### LOCATION OF TOLL PLAZAS

#### 866. SHRI SANTOSH PANDEY:

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

be pleased to state:

- (a) the distance prescribed between two toll plazas on a National Highway;
- (b) whether the prescribed distance can be reduced by the Government and if so, the criteria thereof; and
- (c) whether the criteria of prescribed distance has been followed in the construction of Thakurtola toll plaza at National Highway in the Rajnandgaon region and if not, the time by which it is likely to be shifted to its designated location at village Tappa?

#### **ANSWER**

### THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

## (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) &(b) As per Rule 8(2) of the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008 – "Any other fee plaza on same section of national highway and in the same direction shall not be established within a distance of sixty kilometers:

Provided that where the executing authority deems necessary, it may for reasons to be recorded in writing, establish or allow the concessionaire to establish another fee plaza within a distance of sixty kilometers:

Provided further that a fee plaza may be established within a distance of sixty kilometres from another fee plaza if such fee plaza is for collection of fee for a permanent bridge, bypass or tunnel." This rule is applicable for Build, Operate & Transfer (BOT) projects taken up on or after 05.12.2008 and all public funded projects.

(c) Thakurtola fee plaza in the stretch from End of Durg Bypass to Chhattisgarh/Maharashtra Border section was started in February, 2012 on BOT (Toll) basis and hence user fee plaza was established in accordance with National Highways Fee Rules 1997 in which there is no such condition regarding distance between two fee plaza in case of Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects. At present, there is no proposal to shift this fee plaza.

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