GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1828
ANSWERED ON 11TH FEBRUARY, 2021

FASTAG SYSTEM

1828. SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of lanes equipped with FASTag system is comparatively less at all toll plazas despite implementation of mandatory FASTag system for all vehicles which leads to huge traffic jams;
(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to equip all the lanes except emergency lane at all toll plazas with FASTag system;
(c) if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the steps being taken to ensure strict compliance of implementation of FASTag system by all the toll plazas in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) All lanes of all the fee plazas of National Highways are equipped with FASTag system. However, to facilitate movement of over-sized vehicles, one lane on each side has been kept as hybrid lane, which accepts cash. Queues arise in 'FASTag lanes' at fee plazas due to vehicles not fitted with "FASTag" or vehicles without valid, functional "FASTag" entering into it. In the hybrid lane, which accepts cash, queues arise because of non-FASTag vehicles.

(d) The Government has mandated fitment of FASTag in M&N Categories of motor vehicles sold before 1st December, 2017 w.e.f. 01.01.2021. GSR 298(E) dated the 15th May, 2020, notified that vehicles not fitted with "FASTag" or vehicles without valid, functional "FASTag" have to pay double the applicable fee upon entering a FASTag lane at the fee plaza. Further, GSR 523(E) dated the 24th August, 2020, notified that fee payable towards discounts as under sub-rules (2), (3) and (3A) of rule 9 of the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008, shall be paid through pre-paid instruments, smart card or through FASTag or on board unit (transponder) or any other such device.

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