

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2777
ANSWERED ON 5TH AUGUST, 2021**

LOSS OF INCOME IN TOLL COLLECTION

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated loss of income in toll collection since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic including the period when toll collection was discontinued, month-wise;**
- (b) whether the Government has taken any measures to reduce/offset the said losses;**
- (c) the details of toll collection during the current financial year 2020-21 till date *vis-a-vis* the previous financial year 2019-20; and**
- (d) the number of days on which the toll plazas on various NHs were unable to function due to protests during the said period along with the estimated loss of income as a result thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) An estimated amount of Rs 3512.62 Crore in Financial Year (FY) 2020-21, is the approximate loss of revenue in fee collection at fee plazas of National Highways Authority of India due restrictions of COVID-19.**
- (b) To improve transparency and efficiency in fee collection, Government has declared all lanes of fee plazas on National Highways as “FASTag lane of the fee plaza” w.e.f. midnight of 15th/16th February 2021.**

(c) The approximate user fee collections in FY 2019-20 and 2020-21 are Rs. 27682.89 Crore and Rs. 28548.05 Crore respectively.

(d) Due to sustained protest by farmers in the States of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan, 58 fee plazas were not operational for 12 days to a maximum of 182 days in FY 2020-21 resulting in an estimated loss of Rs 814.13 Crore.

Sporadic incidents of protest were observed at few plazas such as Thrivallam fee plaza in the state of Kerala and Padmanavpur & Sukhupada fee plazas in the state of Odisha.
