GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3032 ANSWERED ON 04th AUGUST, 2022

HIGHWAY AND TOLL PLAZA

†3032. SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct Highways along the oil pipeline from Panipat refinery to Bhatinda refinery which is likely to benefit both the States of Haryana and Punjab and facilitate easy access from one refinery to another;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether as per the Government policy toll tax can not be collected on National Highway (NH) if another toll plaza is located nearby and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to do away with toll tax collection at Peont toll plaza on Hisar-Jind to Karnal NH-709A as toll plazas at village Dahar, Panipat city and Gharonda are already located nearby to Peont toll plaza; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) No such proposal is received from Oil Marketing Companies.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Fee plazas are established on National Highways as per the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008, which stipulates that any other fee plaza on the 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 kilometers from another fee plaza if such fee plaza is for collection of fee for a permanent bridge, bypass or tunnel.

In addition, in case of closed user fee collection system, fee plazas can be established anywhere on the National Highways.

(d) & (e) No Sir, Peont toll plaza is on Jind-Karnal section of NH-709A, Dahar toll plaza is on Rohtak-Panipat section of NH-709 and Gharonda toll plaza is on Panipat-Karnal section of NH-44. Since all three mentioned toll plazas are on different National Highways, there is no requirement to close/shift the Peont toll plaza.
