

Unified toll rate provisions

†860. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on roads and highways being constructed on the basis of Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Scheme concerned companies are charging toll-tax;

(b) whether any such provision exists in these rules that these companies can change the toll rate according to their convenience or sweet will; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to make a unified rule regarding toll rate of different States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) User Fee (Toll) is collected at various toll plazas, on the National Highways, permanent bridge, bypass or tunnel forming part of the National Highway, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of National Highway Fee Rules applicable at the point of time of notification or agreement and contracts executed and bids invited. Presently National Highway Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008 and as amended from time to time is applicable. These Rules apply to all the National Highways throughout the country uniformly. These Rules apply to both Public Funded Projects and Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Projects.

Dilapidated condition of bridge on NH-103

†861. SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to dilapidated condition of bridge on Baya river near Jandaha on NH-103 in Bihar, the transport movement on this bridge is completely suspended, even as this highway is one of the major roads in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the process adopted so far for construction of the said bridge and until when it would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) No, Sir. The light vehicles are being allowed to pass through this bridge. The heavy vehicles take diversion in km. 31 near Village Salha and merge the existing alignment in km. 33 near Hospital Chowk, Jandaha.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Proposal for a new bridge in replacement of the existing old screw pile bridge has been received by the Ministry, which is under examination.

National Highways passing through Jharkhand

862. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Highways (NHs) passing through the Jharkhand indicating lengths;

(b) the year-wise details of expenditure incurred on construction and maintenance of National Highways in Jharkhand since 2003-04;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted with a view to ascertaining the status of maintenance and upkeep of the NHs passing through Jharkhand especially those used for transportation of mines and mineral produces;

(d) if so, the salient details of findings thereof;

(e) the steps taken, if any, by Government based on such findings; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) There are 12 numbers of National Highways (NHs) with an aggregate length of 1805 Kms passing through the Jharkhand State. The NH-wise details indicating lengths are given in the Statement (See below).

(b) Out of total 1805 kms length of NHs in Jharkhand, 190 km length of NH-2 and 114 km length of NH-33 is entrusted with National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for development & maintenance under National Highways Development Projects (NHDP). The balance length is entrusted with State Road Construction Department (RCD), Jharkhand. The year-wise details of expenditure incurred on construction and maintenance of NHs entrusted with State RCD, Jharkhand and NHAI since 2003-04 are as under :

Year	Expenditure incurred on NHs entrusted with State RCD, Jharkhand		Expenditure incurred on NHs entrusted with NHAI under NHDP
	Construction (Rs. in crore)	Maintenance and Repairs (Rs. in crore)	Construction and Maintenance (Rs. in crore)
1	2	3	4
2003-2004	33.00	13.66	155.23