

Increase in number of private toll booths

1696. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of private toll booths has increased during the last one year; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of fee plazas added during Financial Year 2014-15 and Financial Year 2015-16 are as under:-

	[Fee Plazas BOT (Toll)]
Financial Year 2014-15	13
Financial Year 2015-16 (upto November, 2015)	22

Demand of All India Motor Transport Congress

1697. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any representation from the All India Motor Transport Congress requesting for removal of toll system and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the measures being taken by Government to solve these issues?

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

(b) All India Motor Transport Congress (AIMTC) requested for levy of onetime fee for use of National Highways on the analogy of National Permit, where fee is charged annually. The representation of AIMTC was examined and not found tenable at present. Further Government is implementing Electronic Toll Collection system for seamless movement on National Highways.

Bids for Shivpuri-Dewas road project in Madhya Pradesh

1698. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has invited bids for Shivpuri-Dewas road project in Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) to whom this project was awarded earlier along with the status of work done and the cost of the project proposed earlier and the present estimated cost; and

(c) the details of project like widening, lanes, phases/parts, plan for work distribution to save time and avoid delays?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) to (c) Shivpuri-Dewas section of NH-3 was awarded to M/s GVK Transport Networks Pvt. Ltd. Hyderabad on Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) (Toll) basis with Total Project Cost (TPC) of ₹ 2815 crore. However, the project was terminated by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on 07.05.2014 due to non-achievement of financial closure by the Concessionaire. The project was restructured and divided into three packages, i.e. (i) Shivpuri-Guna; (ii) Guna-Biaora; and (iii) Biaora-Dewas. All the three projects in the State of Madhya Pradesh were to be developed under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-IV on BOT (Toll) mode. The bids were invited on 17.10.2014 and 27.10.2014 respectively. Shivpuri-Guna Section (Km 236.00 to Km 332.100) has been awarded to M/s IRCON International Pvt. Ltd. on 31.03.2015 with TPC of ₹ 830.36 crore and the work is likely to be completed by June 2018. Guna-Biaora Section (Km 332.100 to Km 426.100) has been awarded to M/s Dilip Buildcon Ltd. on 29.06.2015 with TPC of ₹1012.90 crore and the work is likely to be completed by September 2018. Biaora-Dewas Section (Km 426.100 to Km 566.450) has been awarded to M/s Oriental Structural Engineers Pvt. Ltd. on 29.06.2015 with TPC of ₹ 1583.79 crore and the work is likely to be completed by August 2018.

Four lane National Highways

1699. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all the National Highways (NHs) have four or more lanes;
- (b) if not, the length of NHs so converted, in Kilometres;
- (c) how many of them are under construction; and
- (d) whether expenditure on rehabilitation of those affected by expansion work would, in future, be included in the NH project cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) to (c) No Sir. So far, 22836 km