

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2805
ANSWERED ON- 22/12/2021

ROAD PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

2805. SHRI P. WILSON:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any decision has been taken to waive toll fee arrears/future toll fees for public transport buses, school, college buses and public transport run by corporations/private in the country, especially in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether Ministry has taken any measure to improve the pace of 24 National Highways under development and in progress in Tamil Nadu including industrial connectivity project;
- (c) whether any audit committee has been formed to find out which NH projects have yielded returns for investment made by concessionaire and are still allowed to collect toll fees; and
- (d) if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) No such proposal is under consideration.
- (b) To improve the pace and timely completion of National Highway development projects in Tamil Nadu, issues relating to the State Government/District administration, utility owning departments, forest department and other concerned State/Central agencies are taken up with them for expediting land acquisition and other pre-construction activities. Besides, regular monitoring is undertaken of projects with respective Authority/Independent engineer and Contractor/Concessionaire.
- (c) &(d) There is provision in Build Operate Transfer (BOT) (Toll) Concession Agreements for modification of Concession Period based on traffic. If the traffic is more than target traffic, Concession Period will be reduced as per terms of Concession Agreement.

As per National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008, in case of National Highways projects, after completion of recovery of cost of project, the user fee is to be collected by Central Government executing authority at reduced rates of 40%.
