

expenditure involved, in building, maintenance, management and operation of the said section, interest on the capital invested, reasonable return, the volume of traffic and the period of agreement entered into between the Authority and the Concessionaire, hereby resolves that there shall be levied and collected fees on mechanical vehicles for the use of said section at the rate specified in column (3) of the following Table, on the category of vehicles specified in column (2) thereof, and authorizes the said Concessionaire to collect and retain the fee on and from the date of commercial operation or publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, whichever is later, till the termination date, namely:—

TABLE

The fee shall be collected at the Toll Plazas at Km. 410.140 and Km 412.590.

Sl. No.	Category of Vehicle	Rate of base fee per Km per vehicle per one way trip (in rupees)
1	Car, Passenger Van or Jeep	0.90
2	Light Commercial Vehicle (L.C.V.)	0.70
3	Truck/Bus	1.40
4	Multi Axle Vehicle (2+2 axle)	2.25
5	Earth moving equipment and heavy construction machinery	3.00

Notes:

1. For the purposes of this notification,
 - (a) "actual fees" means the fees actually charged from the road users of the said section on the basis of:
 - (i) half of the length of the project highway;
 - (ii) base fee given in the above Table duly indexed, and shall be rounded off to the nearest one rupee.
 - (b) "date of commercial operation" means the date on which commercial operation of the said section begins after issue of the completion certificate or the provisional completion certification as the case may be, by the Independent Consultant, upon completion of the said section in accordance with the provisions of the agreement entered into between the Authority and the Concessionaire;
 - (c) "local personal traffic" means and includes a personal vehicle (car/passenger van/jeep) which is registered with the Concessionaire by any person who normally resides or works

at a place that can normally be approached only by using a part of the said section, such person is, therefore, required to use such vehicle for commencing on a part of the said section, without crossing more than one toll plaza, in the course of normal travel to and from his place of work or residence.

- (d) "local commercial traffic" means any commercial vehicle including buses, trucks, light motor vehicles or taxis engaged in carrying goods and passengers registered with the Concessionaire as plying routinely on the said section without crossing more than one toll plaza.
 - (e) "termination date" means the date on which the agreement entered into between the Authority and the Concessionaire expires pursuant to the provisions of the said agreement or is terminated by termination notice.
 - (f) words and expressions used in this notification and not defined but defined in the agreement entered into between the Authority and the Concessionaire in respect of the said section shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the said Agreement.
2. The actual amount of fee and the revision thereof effective from 1st September every year shall be computed as follows:

$$\text{Base Fee} \times \frac{\text{WPI-B}}{\text{WPI-A}} \times 50\% \text{ of the length of the said section (in Km)}$$

Where

- WPI-A = is the Wholesale Price Index on June, 1997 (131.4)
- WPI-B = is the average Wholesale Price Index available for the year ending March, 2012 preceding the fee revision date.

3. When a vehicle has to cross the said section more than once in a day, the user shall have the option to pay the fee for multiple trips at one and half times the rates as given in the above Table while crossing the toll plaza in the first trip itself and where a vehicle has to use the said section continuously and frequently for the entire month or even beyond that, the vehicle owner may have a monthly pass on payment of charges equal to thirty times the rate applicable for single trip as specified in the aforesaid Table.

Explanation: For the purpose of this notification "day" shall be counted as continuous period of twenty-four hours.

4. No fee shall be charged or collected in respect of the following vehicles, namely:

(i) Vehicles

(A) having VIP symbols or officially belonging to:

- (a) the President of India,
- (b) the Vice-President of India,
- (c) the Governor of a State and Lieutenant-Governor of a Union Territory,

(d) a Foreign dignitary on State visit to India,

(e) a Foreign Diplomat stationed in India using cars with "CD" or "CC" number plates;

(ii) the Chairman of Rajya Sabha or Speaker of Lok Sabha or Chairman of a State Legislative Council or Speaker of a State Legislative Assembly or a Minister for the Union or State or Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha or State Legislatures having the Status of Cabinet Minister if he is sitting in the vehicle;

(iii) a Member of Parliament in the entire country or a Member of Legislative Assembly of a State or a Member of Legislative Council of a State, in the respective State if he produces his identity card issued by the Parliament or concerned Legislature of a State, as the case may be;

(iv) belonging to winner of gallantry awards such as Param Vir Chakra, Ashok Chakra, Kirti Chakra, Vir Chakra and Shourya Chakra, if such awardee produces his photo identity card duly authenticated by the Competent Authority for such award;

(v) Defence vehicles, including those eligible for exemption in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Toll (Army and Air Force) Act, 1901 and the rules made thereunder (as extended to Navy);

(vi) Police vehicles, Fire fighting vehicles, Ambulances, Funeral vans, Post and Telegraph Department's vehicles, Central and State Governmental vehicles on duty.

5. Concessionaires shall not collect fees from Local Personal Traffic and Local Commercial Traffic in the excess of the following discounted rate:

(i) Local personal traffic:	Twenty five per cent of the applicable fee for the specified category of vehicle.
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(ii) Local commercial traffic:	Fifty per cent of the applicable fee for the specified category of vehicle.
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Provided, that if a separate service lane is opened for free use by local traffic, the Concessionaire shall levy and collect fee from such local traffic, if they use the four lane highway.

6. As and when a service lane is constructed, the Concessionaire shall not collect any fee from the users of such lane.

7. No fee shall be levied and collected from a mechanical vehicle, which is not covered under the above Table.

8. The Concessionaire shall publish substance of this notification in two local newspapers (one of which shall be in vernacular language), which shall also state the date of commercial operation as per the provisions of this notification, at least ten days prior to the date of commercial operation and such substance shall also be repeated, ten days prior to giving effect to revised fees as per this notification.

9. The Concessionaire shall nominate an officer as in-charge of fee collection and the Concessionaire and the said officer shall be responsible to ensure that fee is collected at not more than the agreed rate and the fee collection is smooth without causing undue hardship to the road users and for all matters connected therewith.

10. The rate of fee, the categories of vehicles exempted from payment of fee and the name, address and telephone number of Concessionaire to whom complaints, if any, should be addressed, shall be conspicuously and prominently displayed 300 meters ahead of the toll booths, 100 meters ahead of the toll booths and at the toll booths also, the height of the display boards and size of letters being such that the driver can easily read the display boards.

11. The actual fee to be charged from users shall be computed by the Concessionaire and sent to Authority for validation as soon as possible after 31st March, in every year but at least forty-five days before the revised rate is to be effective so as to enable the Authority to provide any comments or seek clarifications, if any, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of the said proposal and if the Authority does not offer comments or seek clarifications during this period, the revised fee, as proposed by the Concessionaire, shall be deemed to have been confirmed by the Authority.

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