GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:912 ANSWERED ON:03.12.2015 Toll Tax Collection

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

- (a) the criteria/directions for regulation of toll tax collection and the total amount of toll tax collected on the national highways by the developers during the last three years, State and UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the large scale complaints from the users of highways regarding collection of toll even before the completion of the project;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to revamp toll collection policy to provide major respite to the commuters, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to have centralised database of toll collections across the country for information of the public?

Answer

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