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Dated the 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2019

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the Month of August, 2019.

A copy of the unclassified portion of the Monthly Summary (Both English & Hindi) for the Cabinet pertaining to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for the month of August, 2019 is enclosed herewith for information.

  
(Narendra Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Encl. As above

To,

1. All members of the Council of the Ministers
2. Deputy Chairman, NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi
3. All Members of NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi. (10 spare copies)
4. Cabinet Secretary, Rashtrapati Bhavanm New Delhi
5. All Secretaries to Government of India
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## Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

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1. The Ministry has notified the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Amendment Act, 2019 that will be applicable with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2019. These are provisions which require no further amendments in the Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989. Among the important notifications are the provisions for enhanced penalties. The Ministry has also initiated the process of formulating draft rules. As and when the process is completed, the relevant provisions would be notified for implementation.
2. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has decided to declare all lanes in all Toll Fee Plazas on National Highways across the country as dedicated 'FASTag Lanes' from the 1<sup>st</sup> of December this year. According to the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008, a FASTag lane in a toll plaza is reserved exclusively for the movement of FASTag users. There is also a provision under the rule according to which non-FASTag users are to be charged double the fee if they pass through FASTag lanes.

The above decision has been taken in order to promote faster payments of fees through the digital mode so that vehicles can move through seamlessly, and traffic jams at the toll plazas can be prevented. The RFID based FASTag is affixed on the windscreen of the vehicle. It allows for direct payments of fee from the prepaid or savings account linked to it, and enables vehicles to drive through without stopping for transactions. Currently even non-FASTag users are passing through FASTag lanes and making cash payments. This is leading to crowding of the FASTag lanes, and overall traffic congestion at the plaza, defeating the very purpose of the FASTags. Charging of double fee from non-FASTag users is expected to disincentivize such behavior.

3. Three Toll Plazas of this Ministry have been selected for the award in the 'Cleanest Toll Plaza' Category of Swachh National Highways during the Swachh Mahotsav of the Ministry of Jal Shakti:  
1<sup>st</sup> Position - Tamalwadi Toll Plaza, RO Mumbai  
2<sup>nd</sup> Position - Korlapahad Toll Plaza, RO Hyderabad  
3<sup>rd</sup> Position - Kheda Toll Plaza, RO Gujrat