[To be published in the Gazette of India, Part II, Section 3, Sub section(ii)] Government of India MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS) TRANSPORT BHAWAN, NEW DELHI

New Delhi, Dated the, 27th September, 2005

NOTIFICATION

S.O.1400(E) In exercise of powers conferred by section 7 of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956), read with rules 3, 5 and 11 of the National Highways (Fees for the Use of National Highways Section and Permanent Bridge- Public Funded Project) Rules, 1997, and sub-rule (2) of rule 3 of the National Highways (Rate of Fee) Rules, 1997, the Central Government hereby notifies that there shall be levied and collected a fee on mechanical vehicles for the use of permanent bridge Mahatma Gandhi Setu across river Ganga from km.207 to km.212 of National Highway No.19 at the rates specified in the Schedule below in perpetuity and hereby authorizes the Chief Engineer, National Highway, Road Construction Department, Bihar or his authorized representative to collect on behalf of the Central Government. It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette. The fee rates are subject to revision as per the provisions of sub-rule (3) of rule 3 of the National Highways (Rate of Fee) Rules, 1997.

SCHEDULE

Rates of fees to be recovered from the users of the bridge Mahatma Gandhi Setu on National Highway No. 19 from Km 207 to Km 212 in the State of Bihar

SI. No.	Particulars for Vehicles	Rates of fee to be charged per trip (in Rupees)
1.	Car/Jeep etc	10.00
2.	Light Commercial Vehicles/Minibuses	15.00
3.	Trucks/ Buses and Multi Axle Vehicles.	30.00

NOTE:

1. When the same vehicle has to cross the said bridge and National Highway Section more than once in a day, the user shall have the option to pay one and a half times the rates specified above while crossing the bridge and such Section in the first trip itself, or if the vehicle has to cross the bridge and such Section continuously and quite frequently for the entire month or even beyond that, for much longer period, the vehicle owner can have a monthly pass on the payment of charges equal to thirty single rates

applicable to it, as specified in the aforesaid schedule. For the purpose of this notification 'day' shall be counted as a continuous period of twenty-four hours.

- 2. The following types of vehicles are exempted from the fee specified in the Schedule, namely:-
 - (A) (i) Defence vehicles;
 - (ii) Vehicles with VIP symbols;
 - (iii) Police vehicles;
 - (iv) Fire Fighting vehicles;
 - (v) Ambulances;
 - (vi) Funeral Vans;
 - (vii) Post and Telegraph Department vehicles; and
 - (viii) Central and State Government vehicles

Explanation: For the purpose of this Note, the expression "VIP symbols" means any symbol on the vehicle which officially belongs to the following:

- (i) President of India
- (ii) Vice President of India
- (iii) Central and State Ministers
- (iv) Leaders of opposition in Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and State Legislatures having the status of a Cabinet Minister;
- (v) Governors of States;
- (vi) Lieutenant Governors of Union Territories;
- (vii) Speakers or Chairmen of Central and State Legislatures;
- (viii) Executive Councilors of Local Elected Bodies;
- (ix) Foreign Dignitaries on State visit to India;
- (x) Foreign Diplomats stationed in India using cars with CD (Car Diplomatic) symbols;
- (xi) Members of Parliament; and
- (xii) Members of State Assemblies/ Legislative Councils of Bihar.
- (B) belonging to winner of Gallantry Award such as Param Vir Chakra and Shaurya Chakra, if such awardee produces his photo identity card duly authenticated by the Competent Authority for such Award.
- 3. The rates of fee, the categories of vehicles exempted from payment of fee and the name, address and telephone number of the authority to whom complaints, if any, should be addressed, shall be conspicuously and prominently displayed 500 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 it is easy for drivers to read the display boards and they shall be legibly written or printed in English, Hindi and the regional language of the area in which the said stretch is situated.
- 4. No fee shall be levied and collected from a mechanical vehicle, which is not covered by the said Schedule.
- 5. The fee shall be collected at one place within the stretch referred to in this notification.

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