Press Note:

Clarification on the Launch of Satellite-Based Tolling System from 1st May 2025

New Delhi, 18 April 2025: Some sections of the media have reported that a Satellite-Based Tolling System will be launched from 1st May 2025 and will replace the existing FASTag-based toll collection system. This is to clarify that no such decision has been taken by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways or NHAI regarding the nationwide implementation of satellite-based tolling from 1st May 2025.

In order to enable seamless, barrier-free movement of vehicles through toll plazas and reduce travel time '*ANPR-FASTag Based Barrier-Less Tolling System'* will be implemented at selected toll plazas.

The advanced tolling system will combine 'Automatic Number Plate Recognition' (ANPR) technology, that will identify vehicles by reading their number plates, and the existing 'FASTag system' that uses Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) for toll deduction. Under this, vehicles will be charged based on their identification through high performance ANPR cameras and FASTag Readers, without needing to stop at the toll plazas. In case of non-compliance, E-Notices will be served to the violators, non-payment of which may result in suspension of FASTag and other VAHAN related penalties.

NHAI has invited bids for the implementation of *'ANPR-FASTag Based Barrier-Less Tolling System'* that will be installed at selected toll plazas. Based on the performance, efficiency, and user response to this system, a decision will be made regarding its implementation across the country.

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