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To,
Shri. Nitin Gadkari Ji,
Honorable Minister for Road Transport and Highways,
Government of India,
Parivahan Bhawan,
NEW DELHI.

Respected Sir,

Sub: Enhancement of Toll Charges- Requested to withdraw-Reg

I would like to draw your kind attention to the matter under subject. It was reported in the Press that Toll Charges will be enhanced from 01st April-2023. Enhancement of Toll charges on the existing Toll Plazas is against the principles and also unethical. The Toll charges were fixed at the time of the inauguration of the Toll Plaza after considering the life of the Toll and the Vehicular Traffic density. Enhancing the Toll Rates after some years is illegal and unethical. At a time when the entire industry is in serious financial crisis because of the abnormal increase in fuel charges, insurance premiums and toll charges, the industry needs some concessions to come out of the crisis. Contrary to the situation enhancement of toll charges will further ruin the industry which is the life line of the economy. Hence, it is requested to withdraw forthwith the proposal for enhancement.

It is not out of place to mention here that the Government of India is collecting Road Development CESS on petrol, Diesel. Later your Government has changed the name as "Infrastructure Development Cess". That Cess has to be utilized for the Construction, Maintenance and operation of the Roads. Again collecting Toll is illegal and nothing but looting the people.

In the light of the above your kind Authority is requested to withdraw the proposed enhancement of Toll Charges on the existing Toll Plazas.

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