

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (BUILDINGS AND ROADS BRANCH)

NOTIFICATION

The 5th September, 2013

No. S.O. 72/P.A. 13/1998/Ss.2, 3 and 4/2013.-WHEREAS the Governor of the State of Punjab (hereinafter called the "State Government") has been or shall be entering into agreement(s) (hereinafter called the "concession agreement" or "contract agreement") with firm(s), person(s) (hereinafter called the "concessionaire" or "contractor") either for construction, operation and maintenance or only for operation and maintenance or for levy and collection of toll of whole or sections of the State Highway(s) (hereinafter called the "highway"), bypass(s) on such highway(s) (hereinafter called the "bypass"), bridge(s) (hereinafter called "bridge"), flyover(s) (hereinafter called "flyover"), elevated road(s) (hereinafter called "elevated road"), vehicular under pass(s) (hereinafter called "vehicular under pass"), and road over bridge(s)/ road under bridge(s) on/under railway tracks (hereinafter called the "ROB/RUB") in the State of Punjab at their cost and expense;

AND WHEREAS, having regard to the expenditure involved in construction, operation and maintenance or only operation and maintenance or for levy and collection of toll of the such road project, interest on the capital invested (Public or Private), reasonable returns on investment, the volume of traffic and other relevant factors, the State Government has decided to revise the rates of toll to be levied and collected from certain users of such road project(s);

AND WHEREAS in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Punjab Mechanical Vehicles (Bridges and Roads Tolls) Act, 1998 (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to supersede the Notification No.S.O.11/P.A.13/1998/Ss.2,3 and 4/2004, dated the 8th July 2004 issued by the Government of Punjab, Department of Public Works (Buildings and Roads Branch), and published in Punjab Government Gazette on July 16, 2004 in this regard, except the things done or intended to be done before such supersession;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2, section 3 read with clauses (ii) and (iii) of sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Act, and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is further pleased to notify that toll shall be levied and paid on mechanical vehicles using such road project(s) and authorizes the concessionaire(s) or contractor(s) of each such road project to collect and retain the toll

from different categories of mechanical vehicles at the rates specified in this notification, subject to the terms and conditions of the respective concession agreements or contract agreements, the Act and the terms set forth hereinafter.

In respect of Public Funded Projects, the fee levied under this notification shall be collected by the State Government or the Authority, as the case may be, through its own officials or by the nominated agency or contractor, as the case may be.

In case of Private Funded Projects, the collection of fee levied shall commence in accordance with the terms of the concession agreement entered into by the concessionaire.

1. Definitions.- (1) For the purposes of this notification, unless the context otherwise requires:-

- (a) **"Act"** means the Punjab mechanical vehicles (Bridges and Roads Tolls) Act, 1998;
- (b) **"Base Year"** means the period from the 1st April, 2013 to 31st March, 2014;
- (c) **"Car" or "Jeep" or "Van" or "Light Motor Vehicle" or "Three Wheeler"** means any mechanical vehicle the Gross Vehicle Weight of which does not exceed seven thousand five hundred kilograms or the registered passenger vehicle the carrying capacity of which is as specified in the certificate of registration issued under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act No. 59 of 1988) but does not exceed twelve passengers, excluding the driver and does not include a motor cycle, tractor or road roller;
- (d) **"Gross Vehicle Weight" (GVW)** in respect of any vehicle means the total weight of the vehicle including load certified and registered under the applicable laws;
- (e) **"Heavy Construction Machinery" (HCM) or "Earth Moving Equipment" (EME) or "Multi Axle Vehicle" (MAV)** means heavy construction machinery or earth moving equipment or mechanical vehicle including a multi axle vehicle with four to six axles or vehicle (inclusive of the axle of the trailer, if any) with a Gross Vehicle Weight exceeding twenty five thousand kilograms but less than sixty thousand kilograms;
- (f) **"Highways" or "State Highways"** means all roads designated by the State Government as State Highways or major district roads or other district roads or any road and includes bypasses, bridges, elevated roads, flyovers, vehicular under

passes, road over bridges and road under bridges referred to hereinabove, but limited to the section or part which is constructed, operated and maintained or operated and maintained under a concession agreement or for levy and collection of toll under a contract agreement;

- (g) **"Light Commercial Vehicle" or "Light Goods Vehicle" or "Mini Bus"** means any mechanical vehicle with a Gross Vehicle Weight exceeding seven thousand five hundred kilograms but less than twelve thousand kilograms or the registered passenger vehicle the carrying capacity of which is as specified in the certificate of registration issued under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act No. 59 of 1988), and exceeds twelve but does not exceed thirty two excluding the driver;
- (h) **"Local Traffic"** means the traffic on account of commuting by a private car/jeep/van between a rural area and its nearest city or town by means of the road, bypass, bridge, flyover, elevated road, VUP and ROB/RUB, as the case may be:
Provided that such private car/jeep/van is owned by a person who resides in such rural area, situated within a distance of five kilometer from the Toll Plaza;
- (i) **"Oversized Vehicles"** means any mechanical vehicle having seven or more axles or mechanical vehicles with Gross Vehicle Weight exceeding sixty thousand kilograms;
- (j) **"Private Funded Project"** means a project relating to a road project, section of road, bypass, bridge, flyover, elevated road, VUP and ROB/RUB, as the case may be, for which an agreement is entered into with a concessionaire;
- (k) **"Public Funded Project"** means a road project which is not a private funded project, and includes a private funded project for which the agreement has expired;
- (l) **"Road Roller"** means any vehicle equipped with heavy wide smooth rollers for compacting roads and pavements with a Gross Vehicle Weight not exceeding twenty thousand kilograms;
- (m) **"Schedule"** means a Schedule appended to this notification;
- (n) **"Three Axle Commercial Vehicle"** means any mechanical vehicle having three axles (inclusive of axle of trailer, if any) and with a Gross Vehicle Weight, less than or equal to twenty five thousand kilograms;
- (o) **"Toll Charge"** means the applicable toll charge calculated as per this notification;

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- (p) **"Toll Plaza"** means any building, structure or booth made for collection of toll;
- (q) **"Tractor with Trailer"** means a tractor with an attached trailer laden with goods other than agricultural produce or agricultural equipment;
- (r) **"Truck" or "Bus"** means any mechanical vehicle with a Gross Vehicle Weight exceeding twelve thousand kilograms but less than twenty thousand kilograms or the registered passenger vehicle the carrying capacity of which is as specified in the certificate of registration issued under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act No. 59 of 1988), and exceeds thirty two passengers, excluding the driver; and
- (s) **"WPI"** means the Wholesale Price Index as published by the Ministry of Industry, Government of India or any index published in substitution thereof by the Government of India.

(2) The words and expressions used but not defined in this notification, but defined in the Act or rules made thereunder shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Act or rules, as the case may be.

2. Basic Toll Charges for Roads (for Base Year 2013-14).- Basic Toll Charges for use of Roads (for two lanes and above) shall be as specified in Column (3) below:

Serial No.	Category of vehicle	Basic Toll Charges Per vehicle (in Rupees per km)
1	2	3
1	Car/Jeep/Van/ Three Wheeler/ Light Motor Vehicle	0.90
2	Light Commercial Vehicle/ Tractor with Trailer/ Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus	1.45
3	Bus/ Truck/ Road Roller (two axles)	3.05
4	Three axles Commercial Vehicles	3.30
5	Multi Axle Vehicles (MAV) (four to six axles), Heavy Construction Machinery (HCM), Earth Moving Equipments (EME)	4.80
6	Oversized Vehicles (seven or more axles)	5.80

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3. **Basic Toll Charges for bypasses (for Base Year 2013-14).**- Basic Toll Charges for use of bypasses shall be one and half (1.5) times the Basic Toll Charges of roads as specified in paragraph 2 above.

4. **Basic Toll Charges for bridge, flyover, elevated road, VUP and ROB/RUB (for Base Year 2013-14).**- Basic Toll Charges for use of bridge, flyover, elevated road, VUP and ROB/RUB with cost exceeding Rs. 10¹ crore for two lane road and Rs. 20² crore for a road having four lane or more shall be as specified below:

Basic Toll Charge (Rupees per vehicle per trip)						
Cost of Bridge, Flyover, Elevated Road, VUP and ROB/RUB (Rupees in crore)	Car/Jeep/ Van/ Three Wheeler/ Light Motor Vehicle	Light Commercial Vehicle/ Tractor with Trailer/ Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus	Bus/Truck/ Road Roller (two axles)	Three axles Commercial Vehicles	Multi Axle Vehicles (MAV) (four to six axles), Heavy Construction Machinery (HCM), Earth Moving Equipments (EME)	Oversized Vehicles (seven or more axles)
10 to 15 crore	7.00	10.50	21.00	23.10	30.80	42.00
For every 5 crore exceeding 15 crore and up to 100 crore	1.40	2.10	4.20	4.60	6.30	8.40
For every 5 crore exceeding 100 crore and up to 200 crore	1.00	1.60	3.15	3.45	4.75	6.30
For every 5 crore exceeding 200 crore	0.70	1.05	2.10	2.30	3.15	4.20

¹ This minimum cost for subsequent years shall be revised annually with effect from 1st April each year to reflect the increase in Wholesale Price Index (WPI) between the WPI for December month, 2012 and the WPI for the December month prior to the year in which such revision is undertaken (rounded off to nearest five crore).

² This minimum cost for subsequent years shall be revised annually with effect from 1st April each year to reflect the increase in Wholesale Price Index (WPI) between the WPI for December month, 2012 and the WPI for the December month prior to the year in which such revision is undertaken (rounded off to nearest five crore).

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For the purpose of paragraph 4 above, the cost of bridge, flyover, elevated road, VUP and ROB/RUB shall be as follows:

- (a) the cost for private funded project shall be the cost as assessed by the authority prior to invitation of bids; and
- (b) the cost of public funded project shall be the cost as assessed by the authority three months prior to completion thereof:

Provided that if the cost of bridge, flyover, elevated road, VUP and ROB/RUB is less than rupees 10¹ crore for two lane Road and Rs. 20² crore for a road having four lane or more then Toll Charge for bridge, flyover, elevated road, VUP and ROB/RUB shall be considered as road or bypass as the case may be, as per paragraphs 2 and 3:

Provided further,

- (i) that cost of bridge shall include main bridge between abutment to abutment, wing walls, guide bunds, protection works, and all other components except approach roads as determined by State Government;
- (ii) that cost of flyover shall include the length of approach roads as determined by State Government;
- (iii) that cost of elevated road shall include the length of approaches as determined by State Government;
- (iv) that cost of vehicular under pass shall include the length of approach roads as determined by State Government; and
- (v) that cost of ROB/RUB shall include the length of approach roads as determined by State Government.

5. Annual Revision of Basic Toll Charges.-

- (i) The Basic Toll Charges specified under paragraph 2 to 4 above shall be increased annually without compounding by three per cent thereof with effect from 1st April, 2014 and such increased rates shall be deemed to be the Basic Toll Charges for the subsequent years;

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² This minimum cost for subsequent years shall be revised annually with effect from 1st April each year to reflect the increase in Wholesale Price Index (WPI) between the WPI for December month, 2012 and the WPI for the December month prior to the year in which such revision is undertaken (rounded off to nearest five crore).

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(ii) The Basic Toll Charges as calculated for subsequent years shall be further revised (to calculate the applicable toll charges) annually with effect from 1st April each year to reflect the increase in Wholesale Price Index (WPI) between the WPI for December month, 2012 and the WPI for the December month prior to the year in which such revision is undertaken, however, such revision shall be restricted to forty percent of increase in WPI;

(iii) The formula for determining the applicable toll charges shall be as follows:-

$$\text{Applicable toll charges} = \text{Basic Toll Charges} + \text{Basic Toll Charges} \left(\frac{\text{WPIA} - \text{WPIB}}{\text{WPIB}} \right) \times 0.40$$

Where,

- Basic Toll Charges means rates calculated as per paragraph 5 (i) above.
- WPIB means wholesale price index (WPI) for the month of December, 2012.
- WPIA means wholesale price index (WPI) for the month of December prior to the year in which such revision is undertaken.

Illustration:-

If revision is to be made for year 2015-16 (effective from 1st April 2015) for Car/Jeep/ Van/ Three Wheeler/ Light Motor Vehicle, by applying WPI for the month of December 2014, the details would be as follows:-

Detail	Value	Remarks
Basic Toll Charges for Car/Jeep/Van/ Three Wheeler/ Light Motor Vehicle for 2015-16	0.954	in Rupees per Km (calculated as per paragraph 5 (i))
WPI B for December 2012	168.8	as per Government of India Index
WPI A for December 2014	185.68	Assumed with 10% inflation (for 2 years) over December 2012

$$\text{Applicable toll charges} = .954 + .954 \left(\frac{185.68 - 168.8}{168.8} \right) \times 0.40$$

$$= 0.99 \text{ Rupees per km:}$$

Provided that if revision of Toll Charges become due before completion of six months

from the date on which such Toll Charges were revised/ levied and collected, such revision shall be kept in abeyance until the completion of the six months, except for change in Toll Charges effected due to correction in wholesale price index (WPI).

6. Combined Toll collection for road, bridge, flyover, elevated road, VUP and ROB/RUB.- Notwithstanding anything contrary contained in paragraph 2 to 5 above, while computing fee for the section of road on which bridges, flyovers, elevated roads, VUPs and ROB/RUBs are situated, the length of such bridges, flyovers, elevated roads, VUPs and ROB/RUBs shall be excluded from the length of such section of road on which Toll Charges are being levied and collected pursuant hereto, the applicable Toll Charges for such bridges, flyovers, elevated roads, VUPs and ROB/RUBs (calculated as per paragraph 4) shall be reduced by thirty percent and added to the Toll Charges levied and collected for such road. A similar reduction shall be effected when a bridge, flyover, elevated road, VUP, ROB or RUB, as the case may be, forms part of bypass.

In case of two or more toll plazas on a road project, the distribution of applicable toll charges to be charged at a toll plaza on the said road project shall be as decided by the State Government.

7. Levy of Minimum Toll Charges (for Base Year 2013-14).- The Minimum Toll Charges at any Toll Plaza for use of all road, bypass, bridge, flyover, elevated road, VUP and ROB/RUB shall be as below:

Serial No.	Category of vehicle	Minimum Applicable Toll Charge Per Vehicle* (in rupees per trip)
1	Car/Jeep/Van/ Three Wheeler/ Light Motor Vehicle	15
2	Light Commercial Vehicle/ Tractor with Trailer/ Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus	25
3	Bus/ Truck/ Road Roller (two axles)	50
4	Three axles Commercial Vehicles	55
5	Multi Axle Vehicles (MAV) (four to six axles), Heavy Construction Machinery (HCM), Earth Moving Equipments (EME)	80
6	Oversized Vehicles (seven or more axles)	95

* The Minimum applicable Toll Charge at any toll plaza shall be as arrived at as per

provisions of para 2 to 6 above subject to a minimum as specified in above table. The above mentioned Minimum Toll Charges shall be revised and increased annually in accordance with provisions of paragraph 5 above.

8. Toll Plazas.- For collection of Toll Charges under this notification, the concessionaire shall establish and operate Toll Plazas in accordance with provisions of the respective concession agreement:

Provided that the distance between two Toll Plazas on a road project shall not be less than twenty km:

Provided further that a Toll Plaza set up for collection of Toll Charges for a road project shall, as far as possible, be located beyond five km, from the municipal boundaries of a city or town situated on such road:

Provided further that where a section of the road project, is constructed within the municipal or town area limits or within five kilometers from such limits, primarily for use of the residents of such municipal or town area, the Toll Plaza may be established within the limits of the municipal or town area or within a distance of five kilometers from such limits.

9. Exempted vehicles.- Vehicles specified in the Schedule shall be exempted from payment of Toll Charges.

10. Exemption for Local Traffic.-

1. No Toll Charges shall be levied or collected from a vehicle that uses part of the road and does not cross a Toll Plaza.
2. Local Traffic shall be entitled to ply on the road project and cross the Toll Plaza on production of a monthly pass to be issued by the concessionaire or authority or contractor, as the case may be, on payment of a monthly fee equal to five times the applicable Toll Charge for a single one-way journey.
3. The concessionaire or authority or contractor, as the case may be, shall issue a monthly pass for local Traffic on written request to be made by a local user and accompanied by,-
 - (i) proof of residence such as,-
 - (a) Adhaar Card, Ration Card or Voter Identification Card or any other acceptable proof of residence;

- (b) Certificate from the Tehsildar/Naib-Tehsildar/Block Development Officer; and
- (ii) the registration papers of the personal car/jeep/van for which such pass is required.

Only a car/jeep/van registered in the name of the local user and bearing the address as specified in the aforesaid proof of residence shall be eligible for a monthly pass. Upon presentation of the proof of residence and the registration papers, the concessionaire or authority or contractor, as the case may be, shall retain a photocopy thereof and return the original documents forthwith to the applicant.

11. Discounted Rates for frequent users.- (1) A frequent user, who shall purchase coupons/tickets for twenty or more one-way trips to be undertaken by the same mechanical vehicle within thirty days from the payment date, shall be entitled to a discount of twenty five per cent on the Toll Charges payable for such mechanical vehicle.

(2) Upon request from any person, the concessionaire or authority or contractor, as the case may be, shall issue a return coupon/ticket on payment of a sum equal to one hundred and fifty per cent of the Toll Charges payable for the respective mechanical vehicle if it were to undertake a single one-way trip on the road project, such return pass shall entitle the specified mechanical vehicle to undertake a return journey within twenty four hours from the time of payment.

12. Additional Charges for evasion of Toll Charges.- The concessionaire or authority or contractor, as the case may be, shall be entitled to levy and collect toll charges equal to twice the applicable toll charges from a person found to be evading payment thereof. Such toll charges shall be deemed to be liquidated damages for attempt to make unauthorized use of road project, without payment of Toll Charges due and payable.

13. Additional Charges for overloading.- (1) Without prejudice to the liability of the vehicle owner/operator under any law for the time being in force, the concessionaire or authority or contractor, as the case may be, shall be entitled to levy an Additional Charge on overloaded vehicles. Such Additional Charge shall be fifty per cent of the applicable Toll Charges in case the overloading is between ten per cent and twenty per cent of the permissible load of the mechanical vehicle. The Additional Charge of overloading beyond twenty per cent shall be hundred per cent of the applicable Toll Charges.

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(2) The Additional Charge levied hereunder shall be deemed to be a toll within the meaning of section 3 (1) of the Act.

(3) The weight of a Mechanical Vehicle as recorded at a weighbridge installed at the Toll Plaza shall be the basis for levying the Additional Charge under this paragraph:

Provided that where no weighbridge has been installed at the Toll Plaza, no Additional Charge may be levied or collected on overloaded mechanical vehicles.

14. Rounding off of Toll Charges.- Toll Charges to be collected from each mechanical vehicle at each Toll Plaza shall be rounded off to the nearest five rupees.

15. Commencement of Tolling.- (1) The collection of fee levied as per paragraph 2 to 7, shall commence on such dates as may be notified by the State Government by way of a separate notification for a section of a road project.

(2) For a road project which is already being tolled by the State Government, the State Government by way of a separate notification may allow concessionaire to collect toll during the construction period at sixty percent of the Toll Charges for respective year, calculated as per this notification:

Provided that the concessionaire maintains the same level of service (LoS) as of an existing toll road.

(3) Authority or State Government may ask the concessionaire to develop Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) system as per the technical specifications provided in the concession agreement or any other notification:

Provided that no additional toll charges shall be payable for use of Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) system.

16. Display of Toll Charges.- (1) The State Government through the authority or the concessionaire, as the case may be, shall publish a notice specifying the toll charges to be charged from different categories of mechanical vehicles, in at least one newspaper each, in English, Hindi and Punjabi, having a wide circulation in the State of Punjab:

Provided that the notification for revision of toll charges shall be published as specified above by the concessionaire or authority, as the case may be.

(2) The concessionaire shall from time to time, by written notice, inform the Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Public Works, about the applicable toll charges and

the detailed calculation thereof. Such information shall be communicated at least thirty days prior to the date of levy of toll charges or revision thereof, as the case may be.

(3) The State Government through the authority or the concessionaire, as the case may be, shall prominently display in English, Hindi and Punjabi one thousand meters ahead of the Toll Plaza, in English and Punjabi at five hundred meters ahead of the Toll Plaza and in English and Punjabi at each toll booth:-

- the toll charges payable for each category of mechanical vehicles and the discounts available as per paragraph 11;
- the amount of monthly fee payable by local user as per paragraph 10;
- the categories of mechanical vehicles exempted from payment of toll charges; and
- the name, address and telephone or contact number of the authorized person or the concessionaire, as the case may be.

(4) The height of the display boards, their quality and size of lettering shall be clearly visible and legible to the users.

(5) In case of Private Funded Project, all expenses related to display of Toll Charges are to be borne by the concessionaire.

17. Unauthorized Collection.- (1) If a concessionaire or authority or contractor, as the case may be, collects from any person a sum of money not due and payable thereunder, the concessionaire or authority or contractor, as the case may be, shall be liable to refund to such person forthwith the amount so collected along with a sum computed at the rate of five per cent of the amount so collected, for each day from the date of collection till the date of refund, by way of damages. In the event that such amount together with damages computed in the manner as aforesaid is not paid to such person for any reason whatsoever, the same shall be deposited with the Executive Engineer, Department of Public Works, having jurisdiction over the road project, within a period of fifteen days from the date of such collection.

(2) Any dispute relating to amounts payable by the concessionaire or authority or contractor, as the case may be, under paragraph 17 (1) shall be settled by the Executive Engineer, Department of Public Works, having jurisdiction over the road project, by an order in writing and appeal, if any, against such order shall lie with the Superintending Engineer,

Department of Public Works, having jurisdiction over the road project.

(3) Any person aggrieved in connection with the collection of toll may lodge a complaint to the Executive Engineer, Department of Public Works, having jurisdiction over the road project. The Executive Engineer shall pass orders in accordance with the provisions of section 7 of the Act and appeal, if any, against such order shall lie under sub-section (1) of section 8 of the Act with the Superintending Engineer, Department of Public Works, having jurisdiction over the road project.

18. Application of this notification.- (1) This notification shall come into force on and with effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

(2) This notification shall apply to all road projects as decided by the State Government and notified under section 2 of the Act.

19. Eligibility of Projects (for Base Year 2013-14).- (1) This notification shall be applicable for all road projects whether public funded or private funded. However, the State Government in its discretion may issue separate notifications for any road project.

(2) This notification supersedes all earlier notifications issued in this regard.

20. Repeal and savings.- (1) The notification No.S.O.11/P.A.13 /1998/Ss.2,3 and 4/2004, dated the 8th July, 2004, issued by the Government of Punjab, Department of Public Works (Buildings and Roads Branch) and published in Punjab Government Gazette on July 16, 2004, is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal of the abovesaid notification, dated the 8th July, 2004, the provisions of said notification shall apply in relation to concession agreements for road projects for which the bids/proposals have already been received or where road projects have already been awarded before this notification came into force.

SCHEDULE

(see paragraph 9)

No toll charges shall be levied and collected from a mechanical vehicle,—

- (a) transporting and accompanying.—
- (i) the President of India;
 - (ii) the Vice-President of India;
 - (iii) the Prime Minister of India;
 - (iv) the Governor of a State;
 - (v) the Chief Justice of India;
 - (vi) the Speaker of the House of People;
 - (vii) the Cabinet Minister of the Union;
 - (viii) the Chief Minister of a State;
 - (ix) the Judge of the Supreme Court;
 - (x) the Minister of State of the Union;
 - (xi) the Lieutenant Governor of a Union Territory;
 - (xii) the Chief of Staff holding the rank of full General and equivalent rank in other services of armed forces;
 - (xiii) the Chairman of the Legislative Council of a State;
 - (xiv) the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of a State;
 - (xv) the Chief Justice of a High Court;
 - (xvi) the Judge of a High Court;
 - (xvii) the Member of Parliament;
 - (xviii) the Army Commander or the Vice-Chief of Army Staff and equivalent rank in other services of armed forces;
 - (xix) the Chief Secretary of the State;
 - (xx) the Secretary to the Government of India;
 - (xxi) the Secretary, Council of States;
 - (xxii) the Secretary, House of People;
 - (xxiii) the Foreign dignitary on State visit;

- (xxiv) the Member of Legislative Assembly of the State, if he or she produces his or her identity card issued by the Legislature of the State;
 - (xxv) the Secretary to the State Government;
 - (xxvi) the Secretary of the Legislative Assembly of the State; and
 - (xxvii) the awardee of Param Vir Chakra, Ashok Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra, Kirti Chakra, Vir Chakra and Shaurya Chakra, if such awardee produces his or her photo identity card duly authenticated by the appropriate or competent authority for such award; or
- (b) used for official purposes by—
- (i) the officers/ officials of Ministry of Defence including those, who are eligible for exemption in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Toll (Army & Air Force) Act, 1901 and the rules made there-under as extended to Navy also;
 - (ii) the officers/ officials of Central and the State armed forces in uniform including paramilitary forces and police;
 - (iii) the officers/officials of Central Government or State Government;
 - (iv) an Executive Magistrate;
 - (v) the officers/ officials of fire-fighting department or organisation;
 - (vi) the mail vans of Department of India Post; and
 - (vii) persons for inspection, survey, construction or operation and maintenance of the road project; or
- (c) used as ambulance; or
- (d) used as funeral van.

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