

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS



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**POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING NON-E TAG VEHICLES
CROSSING THROUGH E-TAG LINES ON MOTORWAY RAISED BY
SENATOR PROF. DR. MEHR TAJ ROGHANI, IN THE SENATE SESSION
HELD ON 22ND DECEMBER, 2021**

Presented by:

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SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Prince Ahmad Umer Ahmadzai, Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Communications, has the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on the point of public importance regarding Non-E Tag vehicles crossing through E-Tag lines on motorway raised by Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani, in the Senate session held on 22nd December, 2021 and referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

(i)	Senator Prince Ahmed Umer Ahmedzai	Chairman
(II)	Senator Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani <i>Leader of the Opposition</i>	Member
(Hi)	Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Member
(iv)	Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
(v)	Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
(vi)	Senator Danesh Kumar	Member
(vii)	Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar	Member
(viii)	Senator Abida Muhammad Azeem	Member
(ix)	Senator Shammim Afridi	Member
(x)	Senator Muhammad Akram	Member
(xi)	Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim	Member
(xii)	Senator Umer Farooq	Member
(xiii)	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri	Member
(xiv)	Senator Ahmed Khan	Member
(xv)	Minister for Communications	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee took up the issue in its meeting held on 22nd February, 2022 which was attended by the following Members:-

(i)	Senator Prince Ahmad Umer Ahmadzai	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
(Hi)	Senator Danesh Kumar	Member
(iv)	Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar	Member
(v)	Senator Abida Muhammad Azeem	Member
(vi)	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri	Member
(vii)	Senator Muhammad Akram	Member
(viii)	Senator Umer Farooq	Member
(ix)	Senator Ahmed Khan	Member
(x)	Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
(xi)	Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim	Member

4. The Chairman Committee informed the Members that point of public importance raises the issue of Non-E tag vehicles crossing through E-tag lines on Motorway leading to congestion of vehicles at toll plaza which causes inconvenience to people travelling on the motorways.

5. Inspector General, National Highways and Motorway Police (NHMP) commenced briefing on a Point of Public Importance regarding "Non-E tag vehicles crossing through E-tag lines on Motorway" raised by Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani. IG, NHMP, apprised the

Members that NHMP is paying special focus on M-tags especially after the directions of Lahore High Court, vide order dated 01.12.2021 passed in Writ Petition No. 227807/2018, that mandates M-Tag for plying of a vehicle on M-2 Motorway and requires to impose this condition from 01.12.2021.

6. In this regard, NHMP has taken various steps to encourage and sensitize mandatory installation of M-tags and use of M-tag regime on motorways such as awareness campaign in print, electronic media and social media including disseminating posts, short video chips and wide publicity on TV Channels, NHMP FM radio station, mobile education and road safety awareness campaign for transporters at Bus Terminals/ HTV Addas. Also, displaying of panaflex banners at all entry points/ Toll plazas identifying locations of M-tag offices from where citizens can get M-Tags.

7. NHMP has also conducted meetings with NHA concessionaire to ensure implementation of M-tag regime on motorways and is working closely with National Highway Authority (NHA) and Frontier Works Organization (FWO) for implementation of M-Tag regime on Motorways and establishment of facilitation centres for installation of new M-tags all across the country. Moreover, NHMP has also challaned Non- M tag vehicles using M-tag lanes.


8. IG, NHMP, as per following table given below, further briefed that due to above campaign and rigorous efforts, during the period from 07.12.2021 to 10.01.2022, NHMP has installed 353,549 new M-tags on vehicles, 62 new booths/ points have been established for facilitation of M-tags, 6,676 low balance vehicles have been challaned for using M-tag green lanes, and returned 85,186 Non- M tag vehicles from M-tag lanes.


Duration	New Booths/ Points	M-Tags installed	Challans on low balance vehicles using M-Tag Green Lanes	Returned Vehicles
07.12.2021 to 10.01.2022	62	353,549	6,676	85,186

9. The Committee while appreciating NHMP efforts urged that special incentives such as discounts etc. should also be given to travellers who keep good balance though out the year in their M-tag account in order to encourage people to deposit balance in advance.

10. **Recommendations:** After the^Cugh discussion, the Committee disposed of the matter with following recommendations;

- (i) NHMP to continue its efforts on strict enforcement of M-tag lanes for free flow of traffic through entrance and exit points of Motorways and continue its education/ facilitation programs for travelers.
- (ii) NHMP to develop special incentives plan/ special discounts for travelers to encourage installation of M-tags on vehicles and for travelers who maintain sufficient balance throughout the year in their M-tag account.


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Secretary Committee


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