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S.O. 5930(E) supersedes S.O. 3543(E) of 2024 and sets the user fee on NH-66 from the Kollam bypass to Kadambattukonam in Keralam, with one plaza.

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The notification recalls that S.O. 1507(E) of May 12, 2020 entrusted km 358.750 to km 551.900 (Edappalli-Ernakulam-Thiruvananthapuram-Keralam/Tamil Nadu Border) of NH-47 (new NH-66) in Keralam to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). It levies the fee for use of the four or more lane Start of Kollam Bypass to Kadambattukonam section, from design km 486.000 to km 517.250, and authorizes NHAI to collect it through its officials or a contractor. The base rates per km, for the base year 2007-08, run from Rs 0.65 for a car, jeep, van or light motor vehicle to Rs 4.20 for an oversized vehicle with seven or more axles.

The fee is collected at one plaza, at km 513.750 of NH-66 near Kalluvathukkal village in Kollam district. It's 100% of the base rate on two lengths: 28.386 km of road, and 28.640 km for eleven structures longer than 60 m. Those structures total 2.864 km and are multiplied by an "equalization factor" of 10. They are four major bridges, three flyovers, two viaducts cum flyover, one viaduct cum VUP and one VUP. The longest is a 0.826 km major bridge. No bypass is charged at a higher rate.

A person who owns a vehicle registered for non-commercial purposes and lives within twenty kilometers of the fee plaza may buy a monthly pass at Rs 360 for 2026-27, revised every year under the rules. A return trip within 24 hours costs one and a half times the one-way fee, and a pass for fifty single journeys in a month costs two-thirds of the fee for fifty journeys. Commercial vehicles registered in Kollam district, other than those under a national permit, pay 50% of the rate where no service road or alternative road is available. Overloaded vehicles pay the fee set in rule 10 of the rules.

The notification doesn't give a fee in rupees per trip, doesn't say when collection under it starts, and doesn't say how it differs from the 2024 notification. NHAI is to calculate the actual fee and the discounts on the basis of the completed length of the section, revise them every year under rule 5, and publish them in at least one newspaper in English and the local language. The estimated capital cost of the project is Rs 3261.57 crore, which may change because land acquisition, utility shifting, tree cutting and change of scope are yet to be completed.

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Supersedes	S.O. 3543(E), August 20, 2024
Legal basis	Section 7, National Highways Act, 1956; rule 3, National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008
Applies to	Start of Kollam Bypass to Kadambattukonam section of NH-66 (old NH-47), Keralam, design km 486.000 to km 517.250, four or more lanes
Fee plaza	Km 513.750 of NH-66, near Kalluvathukkal village, Kollam district
Road length at base rate	28.386 km
Structures over 60 m	2.864 km (eleven structures), charged as 28.640 km at the base rate
Collected by	National Highways Authority of India, through its officials or a contractor
Monthly pass, local non-commercial vehicle	Rs 360 for 2026-27, for owners living within 20 km of the plaza
Return journey	One and a half times the one-way fee, valid 24 hours
Fifty single journeys	Two-thirds of the fee for fifty journeys, valid one month
Local commercial vehicles	50% of the rate, where no service road or alternative road is available; not for national permit vehicles
Takes effect	Not stated
Estimated capital cost	Rs 3261.57 crore, subject to variation
Entrustment	S.O. 1507(E), May 12, 2020, to NHAI

Base rates in Table 1

Type of vehicle	Base rate of fee per km, base year 2007-08 (Rs)
Car, Jeep, Van or Light Motor Vehicle	0.65
Light Commercial Vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus	1.05
Bus or Truck (Two Axles)	2.20

Three-axle commercial vehicles	2.40
Heavy Construction Machinery (HCM) or Earth Moving Equipment (EME) or Multi Axle Vehicle (MAV) (four to six axles)	3.45
Oversized Vehicles (seven or more axles)	4.20

The notification (PDF, 604 KB)

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