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The notification recalls that S.O. 800(E), dated April 11, 2012, entrusted the stretch from km 280.300 to km 375.740 (Hospet-Ballari-Karnataka/AP Border section) of National Highway No. 63 (new NH-67) in Karnataka to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). It levies a fee on the four or more lane section from design km 280.080 to km 375.450 (existing km 280.300 to km 368.920), and authorises 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 has three parts. The base rate applies to a net road length of 53.28 km: 40.224 km at the fee plaza at design km 322.180 near Kuduthini and 13.056 km at the plaza at design km 374.710 near Joladrashi, both in Ballari district. One and a half times the base rate applies to 40.276 km of bypasses costing Rs 10 crore or more: Hospet (7.920 km, Rs 76.63 crore) and Kudithini (4.120 km, Rs 40.55 crore) at the first plaza, and Ballari (28.236 km, Rs 218.71 crore) at the second. Nine structures longer than 60 m, 1.814 km in all, are charged at the base rate as 18.14 km of road, using an "equalisation factor" of 10.

A person who owns a vehicle registered for non-commercial purposes and lives within twenty kilometers of a 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 a plaza's 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 does not give a fee in rupees per trip and does not say when collection starts. 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 each in English and the local language. The fee rates are to be displayed for users under rule 12. The estimated capital cost of the project is Rs 1847.87 crore, which the notification says may change because land acquisition, utility shifting and tree cutting are yet to be completed.

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Legal basis	Section 7, National Highways Act, 1956; rule 3, National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008
Applies to	Hospet-Ballari-Karnataka/AP Border section of NH-63 (new NH-67), Karnataka, design km 280.080 to km 375.450 (existing km 280.300 to km 368.920), four or more lanes
Road length at base rate	53.28 km (40.224 km at Kuduthini, 13.056 km at Joladrashi)
Bypasses at 1.5 times base rate	40.276 km: Hospet 7.920 km, Kudithini 4.120 km, Ballari 28.236 km
Structures over 60 m	1.814 km, charged as 18.14 km at the base rate
Fee plazas	Design km 322.180 near Kuduthini, and design km 374.710 near Joladrashi, both in Ballari district
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 1847.87 crore, subject to variation
Entrustment	S.O. 800(E), April 11, 2012, 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 Vehicles (MAV) (four to six axles)	3.45
Oversized Vehicles (seven or more axles)	4.20

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