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S.O. 5896(E) levies a user fee at 60% of base rates on the 54.678 km Kumta-Sirsi section of NH-766E, collected at a fee plaza near Hanumanthi, Karnataka.

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The notification recalls that S.O. 2151(E), dated April 30, 2026, entrusted National Highway No. 766E in Karnataka to the State Government of Karnataka. It levies a fee at sixty percent of the base rate for use of the two lane with paved shoulder Kumta-Sirsi section, from km 4.242 to km 58.920 (existing km 4.965 to km 60.000), a net length of 54.678 km. It authorises the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to collect the fee 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 payable at one fee plaza, at km 54.446 of NH-766E near Hanumanthi village in Uttara Kannada district, for the full 54.678 km. A person who owns a vehicle registered for non-commercial purposes and lives within twenty kilometers of the 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 the 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 in English and one in the local language. The fee rates are to be displayed for users under rule 12. The estimated capital cost of the project is Rs 494 crore, which the notification says may change because land acquisition, utility shifting and tree cutting are yet to be completed. NHAI is to keep a record of the capital cost recovered through the fee.

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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	Kumta-Sirsi section of NH-766E, Karnataka, km 4.242 to km 58.920 (existing km 4.965 to km 60.000), two lane with paved shoulder
Length charged	54.678 km
Rate	60% of the base rates in Table 1
Fee plaza	Km 54.446 of NH-766E, near Hanumanthi village, Uttara Kannada 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 494 crore, subject to variation
Entrustment	S.O. 2151(E), April 30, 2026, to the State Government of Karnataka

Base rates in Table 1 (the fee is 60% of these)

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

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