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To,

Shri Nitin Gadkari,
Honorable Minister,
Ministry of Road Transport and Highways,
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Subject : Request for pan-India toll exemption

Respected Sir,

On behalf of the All India Forest Officers Federation (AIFOF) , I respectfully submit this representation seeking pan-India exemption from toll charges for Forest Department personnel while on official duty/personal, in accordance with existing rules and recent policy precedents.

Forest staff across India are entrusted with critical frontline responsibilities, including wildlife protection, anti-poaching operations, forest fire management, human-wildlife conflict mitigation, rescue operations, and environmental law enforcement. These duties demand frequent movement across highways, often during emergencies where a timely response is crucial.

It is respectfully submitted that Police Department personnel have recently been granted toll exemption for official duty vehicles, recognizing the essential and emergency nature of their services. Forest staff perform equally critical and comparable duties, particularly in remote, sensitive, and high-risk areas, where delays due to toll procedures directly affect field operations and conservation outcomes.

Despite performing statutory and emergency functions, forest personnel are presently required to pay toll charges during official travel, resulting in financial burden, administrative complications, and operational delays. Extending toll exemption to forest staff would be in line with the principle of parity, inter-departmental equity, and the Government's commitment to strengthening frontline services.

In view of the above, the Federation humbly requests that Forest Department vehicles and authorized forest staff on official duty may kindly be granted toll-free passage across all National Highways

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and toll plazas throughout India, on the lines of the exemption already extended to Police personnel.

A suitable mechanism such as official vehicle identification, duty passes, departmental ID cards, or FASTag-based authorization may be prescribed to ensure transparent and regulated implementation.

This measure will greatly enhance operational efficiency, emergency response capability, and morale of forest frontline staff, thereby strengthening national efforts in wildlife conservation, forest protection, and environmental security.

We sincerely hope that this genuine and justified request will receive your kind and sympathetic consideration.

Thanking you.

Date :- 12/01/2026



Yours faithfully,

(Jagdeep Singh)

President

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