

FASTag Annual Pass Scheme

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Recently, the union Minister of Road Transport and Highways announced a FASTag-based annual pass of Rs 3,000 for “hassle-free-highway travel”.

About FASTag Annual Pass Scheme

- FASTag is an **electronic toll collection system** managed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).
- A FASTag was **launched in 2014** as a pilot project and made mandatory at every toll plaza in the country in 2021.
- The new annual pass scheme, activated on the FASTag, will allow free passage of private car, jeep or van at **National Highway (NH) and National Expressway (NE) fee** plazas for the given duration, **without per-trip user fee charges**.
- Once the Annual Pass completes **either 200 trips or one year from the date of activation**, it will automatically revert to a regular FASTag.

- However, the user may re-purchase the Annual Pass once the 200-trip limit is exhausted, even if the one-year validity period has not yet ended.
- The pass is **non-transferable** and is **valid only for the vehicle** on which the FASTag is affixed and registered.
- For the **point-based fee plazas**, each crossing of the fee plaza will be counted as one trip. A round trip (to and fro) will be counted as two trips. For closed tolling fee plazas, one pair of entry and exit will be counted as one trip.
- The Annual Pass is applicable **only for private non-commercial cars, jeeps and vans**.
- It is valid only at National Highway and National Expressway fee plazas.
- It will be activated after verifying the eligibility of the vehicle and the associated FASTag. Upon successful verification, the user will have to make a payment of Rs. 3,000 for the base year 2025–26 through the Rajmargyatra mobile application or the NHAI website.

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