

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

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- **NHA AND FWO INK AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF ELECTRONIC TOLL PLAZAS ON MOTORWAYS.**
- **ELECTRONIC TOLL SYSTEM WILL PROVIDE ACCURATE REVENUE DATA.**
- **FWO EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE WILL BE USED.**



Agreement being inked between National Highway Authority and Frontier Works Organization for installation of electronic toll collection system on motorways.



DG FWO Maj Gen. Kamal Azfar presenting shield to Federal Minister for Communications Asad Mahmood after signing agreement between National Highway Authority and Frontier Works Organization.

An agreement on installation of electronic toll plazas on motorways was signed between the National Highway Authority and Frontier Works Organization at the National Highway Authority headquarters here today. Federal Minister for Communications and Postal Services Mr. Asad Mahmood was the chief guest on the occasion. The Federal Secretary for Communications and Chairman National Highway Authority Capt (R) Muhammad Khurram Agha, Director General of Frontier Works Organization Maj. Gen. Kamal Azfar, Inspector General of National Highways and Motorways Police Mr. Khalid Mahmood and the Senior Officers of Ministry of Communications and NHA also attended. Director IT Frontier Works Organization Brig (R) Asif Siddique gave a briefing on the Electronic Toll Collection System.

Mr. Muhammad Azhar, Member Finance from National Highway Authority (NHA) and Brig ® Mr. Asif Siddique, Director IT from Frontier Works Organization (FWO) signed the agreement.

Speaking on the occasion, the Federal Minister for Communications and Postal Services, Mr. Asad Mahmood said, that the duration of this agreement for the collection of motorway toll tax through electronic system is 7 years, which can be extended for another 3 years. The tolling system includes the installation of modern machinery, operational and management services and other related services. The purpose of this fiber connectivity is to collect accurate data regarding toll revenue through utilization of modern technology i-e Electronic collection instead of manual payment of toll tax. Mr. Asad Mahmood said that the main objective of e-tolling is to keep traffic and commercial activities flowing and to ensure complete safety of passengers. Connecting and coordinating all the toll plazas on the motorways will save time and smooth flow of traffic will be ensured. Mr. Asad Mahmood said that electronic toll system would be gradually extended to the national highways of the country. He hoped that the plan for electronic collection of toll tax on motorways would be completed in 8 months. Ongoing projects of the National Highway Authority should be completed as soon as possible with national spirit, he added.

It is pertinent to mention here that FWO has the capability and experience to install and operate the electronic toll tax collection system on technical basis. The toll tax is being done electronically

on certain lanes at Islamabad, Ravi, Kala Shah Kaku and Sambarial toll plazas by the Frontier Works Organization. Implementation of the contract will ensure collection of toll tax electronically on motorways network of the country.

Finally, Federal Secretary Communications and Chairman National Highway Authority Capt (R) Muhammad Khurram Agha presented special shields on behalf of NHA to Federal Minister for Communications and Postal Services Mr. Asad Mahmood and Director General Frontier Works Organization Major General Mr. Kamal Azfar. On behalf of Frontier Works Organization, Director General FWO Major General Mr. Kamal Azfar presented shields to Federal Minister for Communications and Postal Services Mr. Asad Mahmood, Federal Secretary Communications and Chairman NHA Capt. (R) Muhammad Khurram Agha and Inspector General National Highways and Motorways Police Mr. Khalid Mahmood.