

Rs40 billion: Cost of traffic jam, delay at toll stations

Traffic snarls on highways, delays at toll plazas, accidents and political blockades, cost the Indian economy about Rs40 billion annually in lost truck-operating hours, says *the Second Report on Operational Efficiency of Freight Transportation by Road in India*, reports *India Today*. The findings of the report, prepared by **The Transport Corporation of India Ltd** and IIM-Calcutta, were based on surveys across high-volume routes. The report noted that toll stoppage accounts for almost 79% of the stoppage delays; on an average, there are 18 stops and the average stoppage delay is three hours, about 3% of the journey time.

