

# Highlights of interim rail budget 2014-15



Railway services to expand to hinterland and frontiers of India.

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**NEW DELHI: Following are the highlights of the Interim Railway Budget 2014-15 presented in the Lok Sabha by railway minister Mallikarjun Kharge:**

- \* No increase in passenger fares and freight charges
- \* 17 new premium trains, 38 express trains and 10 passenger trains to be launched  
Premium AC trains with dynamic fares on Delhi-Mumbai route with shorter advance reservation period
- \* Passenger rail service to Katra and Vaishnodevi to start shortly
- \* Railways to expand services to Meghalaya
- \* More high-speed trains to be launched
- \* Railways exploring low cost option of 160-200 kmph speed trains on select routes
- \* Rail Tariff Authority to advise on fares and freight
- \* Mumbai to get AC EMUs in July
- \* Trains to display info on next stations, arrival times
- \* More Jan Ahaar outlets, escalators at stations
- \* Upgradation scheme extended to AC Chair Car and Executive Chair car passengers
- \* Annual Rail Plan envisaged at Rs 64,305 crore with a budgetary support of Rs 30,223 crore
- \* **FDI** being enabled for creation of rail infrastructure
- \* Railways to end current year with surplus

- \* Surveys for 19 new lines and 5 doubling of tracks
- \* Railways to encourage transportation of milk
- \* Steps to reduce running of empty freight carriages
- \* Bio-toilet facility to be provided in more trains.

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