

Note on Coming Privatisation in Railways

Railway Development Authority (RDA)

- On 5 April, 2017 cabinet decided to appoint Railway Development Authority (RDA) by an executive order without amending the Railway Act
- RDA will allow access to private train operators in both passenger and goods segments to run trains in the existing tracks. They will be provided level playing field
- RDA will decide the fare and freight charges on cost basis.
- Private operators will be allowed access to use railway facilities in yards, sheds and workshops for maintenance of their coaches, wagons and engines.
- The RDA will come into force before August 31, 2017.