

HIGHLIGHTS OF RAILWAY BUDGET 2016-17

Theme of Budget - Reorganize, Restructure Rejuvenate Indian Railways.

Operating Ratio - 2015-16 - 90%

- 2016-17- 92%.

- Restrict growth of Ordinary Working Expenses by 11.6% after building in immediate impact of 7th CPC.
- Reductions planned in diesel and electricity consumption.
- Revenue generation targeted at Rs. 1,84,820 crore

Vision:

By 2020, Reserved accommodation on trains available on demand, time tabled freight trains, high end technology to improve safety record, elimination of all unmanned level crossings, improved punctuality, higher average speed of freight trains, semi high speed trains running along the golden quadrilateral, zero direct discharge of human waste.

Achievements

- Commissioning of 2,500 kms Broad Gauge lines & Commissioning of 1,600 kms of electrification – highest ever.
- In 2016-17 - targeted commissioning 2,800 kms of track & target to electrify 2,000 kms
- **Commissioning of Broad Gauge** lines @ over 7 kms per day against an average of about 4.3 kms per day in the last 6 years. Would increase to about 13 kms per day in 2017-18 and 19 kms per day in 2018-19
- Generation of employment of about 9 crore man days in 2017-18 and 14 crore man days in 2018-19.
- **Dedicated Freight Corridor** - All contracts for civil engineering works to be awarded by March 31st 2016.
- **Make in India:** Finalised bids for two loco factories; proposed to increase the current procurement of train sets by 30%.
- **Partnership:** Cabinet approval for JVs with State Governments, 17 consented and 6 MOUs signed with State Governments. 44 new partnership works covering about 5,300 kms and valuing about Rs. 92,714 crore.

Improvement for unreserved passenger

- Unreserved superfast service & unreserved coaches with potable water and higher number of mobile charging points
- Sale of tickets through hand held terminals

Improvement for Reserved passenger

- Generated over 65,000 additional berths
- Trains at speeds of 130 kmph and above
- Fully air-conditioned third AC service with an optional service for meals
- Overnight double-decker on the busiest routes
- Facility of cancellation through the 139 helpline post
- Convert all operational halts into commercial halts for the benefit of the common man.
- To offer optional travel insurance for rail journeys at the time of booking
- Design and layout of our coaches to ensure higher carrying capacity and provision of new amenities
- Integrate all facilities into two mobile apps dealing with ticketing issues and for receipt and redressal of complaints and suggestions
- **High Speed Rail:** Passenger corridor from Ahmedabad to Mumbai being undertaken with the assistance of the Government of Japan.

- **Suburban traffic:** Launching a new investment framework for developing suburban systems in partnership with State Governments, development in Ahmedabad, Bangaluru, Hyderabad Chennai and Thiruvananthapuram on the anvil

Freight

- Time-tabled freight container, parcel and special commodity trains
- All existing terminals/sheds would be granted access to container traffic, where considered feasible
- To soon inaugurate India's first rail auto hub in Chennai.
- Proposed to develop Rail side logistics parks and warehousing in PPP mode
- Encourage development of cold storage facilities on vacant land near freight terminals
- Explore the feasibility of opening up leasing of general purpose wagons

Rail Development Authority

- To enable fair pricing of services, promote competition, protect customer interests and determine efficiency standards; draft bill to be ready after holding extensive stakeholder consultations
- A new beginning
- Proposed to reorganize the Railway Board along business lines and suitably empower Chairman, Railway Board
- To set up a Railway Planning & Investment Organisation for drafting medium (5 years) and long (10 years) term corporate plans
- Forming a holding company of companies owned by IR
- **Innovation:** by setting aside a sum of Rs. 50 crore for providing innovation grants to employees, startups and small businesses

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2015-16: Plan size for 2015-16 is currently estimated at 1,00,000 crore

Budget Estimates 2016-17:

- Gross Traffic Receipts kept at Rs 1,84,820 crore .
- Passenger earnings growth has been pegged at 12.4 % and earnings target budgeted at Rs. 51,012 crore.
- The freight traffic is pegged at incremental traffic of 50 million tonnes.
- Goods earnings proposed at Rs. 1, 17,933 crore.
- Other coaching and sundries projected at Rs. 6,185 crore and Rs. 9,590.3 crore respectively.
- OWE provides for the implementation of the 7th CPC.
- Pension outgo budgeted at Rs 45,500 crore in 2016-17.
- Higher staff cost and pension liability impacts the internal resource position of the Railways.
- Railways are preparing a Plan size of Rs. 1,21,000 crore in 2016-17.

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