

HIGHLIGHTS OF RAILWAY BUDGET 2011-12

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Staff welfare:-

- ✓ Liberalized Active Retirement Scheme for Guaranteed Employment for safety category staff extended to the staff in grade pay of Rs.1,900 from Rs.1,800.
- ✓ Extension of medical facilities to both dependent father and mother of the Railway employee.
- ✓ Scholarship for the girl child of gangmen and group 'D' employees to Rs.1,200 per month for higher education.
- ✓ Railway Vidyalaya Prabandhan Board (RVPB) to improve quality of education to children studying in 269 Railway schools.
- ✓ 20 Road Medical Vans to provide medical facilities in remote and inaccessible areas for Railway employees.
- ✓ 20 hostels for children of railway employees have been commissioned and another 20 would be set up next year.
- ✓ Five Polytechnics will be set up at Varanasi, Machlandpur, Vadodara, Bhilai and Hubli-Dharwad under MOU with Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- ✓ Additional expenditure of Rs.73,000 crore during the XI plan period after the implementation of Sixth Pay Commission recommendations.

Recruitment:-

- ✓ Recruitment process has already been set in motion for filling the vacancies of about 1.75 lakh in Group 'C' and Group 'D' posts.
- ✓ Filling up of about 13,000 posts in Railway Protection Force.
- ✓ Backlog of SC/ST/physically handicapped quota will be covered.
- ✓ Induction of 16,000 ex-servicemen by end of March 2011.
- ✓ Recruiting more than 1,200 ex-servicemen in RPF.

Training Centres:-

- ✓ New training centres at Kharagpur, Dharwad, Kolkata, Pune, Agra and Kurseong.
- ✓ Proposal to set up a state-of-the-art Institute for Tunnel and Bridge Engineering at Jammu.
- ✓ Proposed to open a Centre of Excellence in software at Darjeeling under the aegis of CRIS

Manufacturing Units:-

- ✓ The first coach from Rae Bareli coach factory is expected to be turned out from the new plant within the next three months.
- ✓ New wagon factory in Orissa. Two more wagon units under JV/PPP mode, one each at Kolar and Alappuzha, Kerala, and one more at Buniadpur.
- ✓ Work on ICF, Perambur's second unit will start soon.
- ✓ Problems will be sorted out to set up the Palakkad coach factory.
- ✓ Burn Standard Company Limited and Braithwaite Company Limited have been brought under the administrative control of Ministry of Railways from this year.
- ✓ Railways will set up a Bridge Factory in J&K.
- ✓ Metro coach factory at Singur/adjacent Polba.
- ✓ Proposed to set up a diesel locomotive centre in Manipur.
- ✓ Manufacturing industry for the indigenous production of large on-track machines at Uluberia and also tracks machine POH facility at the same place.
- ✓ Rail Industrial Park at New Bongaigaon and Jellingham.

Financial Performance:-

	2010-11	2011-12
Plan outlay	40, 315 crore	57,630 crore
Freight loading	924 MT	993 MT
Gross Traffic receipt	94,840 crore	1,06,239 crore

Ordinary working expense	67,000 crore	73, 650 crore
Operating ratio	92.1%	91.1%

Infrastructure addition:-

	2010-11	2011-12
Addition of New lines	700 km	1075 km
Gauge conversion	800 km	1017 km
Doubling	700 km	867 km
Electrification	1000 km	1000 km
Wagon procurement	16,500	18,000
Special trains	36000 trips	40000 trips
Number of new line surveys	190	107

- ✓ A non-lapsable Fund for railway projects in the northeast region has been created.
- ✓ Golden Rail Corridor between Delhi and Mumbai with the speed of 160-200 kmph.
- ✓ Dedicated Freight Corridor will be completed on 2016.

Power Plants:-

- ✓ Thermal power plant of 1,000 MW at Nabinagar is at an advance stage of construction.
- ✓ Second thermal power plant of 1,320 MW capacity at Adra is in the process of being set up.
- ✓ Proposed to set up a 700 MW gas-based power plant at Thakurli in Maharashtra.

Passenger Amenities:-

- ✓ Mechanised laundries at 45 locations for improving the quality of linen.
- ✓ Introduction of advance booking of retiring rooms.
- ✓ Introduction of new Super AC class of travel.
- ✓ Age for concession for women senior citizens is reduced to 58.
- ✓ For men, their concession increased from 30% to 40%.

New Services:-

- ✓ Nine Duronto trains.
- ✓ Two Double decker trains.
- ✓ Three Shatabdi expresses.
- ✓ Four Vivek Expresses.
- ✓ Four Kavi Guru Expresses.
- ✓ Ten Rajya Rani expresses.
- ✓ Four Janam Bhoomi Gaurav tourist trains.
- ✓ 56 new express trains, 13 passenger trains, 22 DEMU, 8 MEMU
- ✓ 33 trains' destination extended and 17 trains' frequency increased.
- ✓ 47 additional EMU services in Mumbai area, 107 suburban services will be augmented to 12 car EMUs from 9 car EMUs.
- ✓ 9 additional EMU services in Chennai area.
- ✓ 50 additional EMU services in Kolkata area
- ✓ 10 additional EMU services in Secunderabad area, 83 suburban services will be augmented to 12 car EMUs from 9 car EMUs

Safety :-

	2004-05	2009-10
Trains per day	16021	18820
Number of Passengers	538 crore	720 crore
Accident/Million train Km	0.29	0.17