

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE RAILWAY BUDGET 2012-13

Focus and Long Term Goals

1. Safety; 2. Consolidation; 3. Decongestion & Capacity Augmentation; 4. Modernisation; 5. Improve Operating Ratio from 95% to 74% in terminal year of 12th Five Year Plan.

Measures proposed

- Setting up of a Railway Safety Authority as a statutory regulatory body as recommended by Kakodkar Committee;
- Creating Missions as recommended by Pitroda Committee to implement the modernization programme
- Aligning the Annual Plan investment with five focus areas identified by Kakodkar and Pitroda Committees i.e. (a) Track (b) Bridges (c) Signalling & Telecommunication (d) Rolling Stock and (e) Stations & Freight Terminals.
- New Board Member (Safety/Research) to be inducted.
- Rail-Road Grade Separation Corporation to be set up to eliminate level crossings.
- Plan allocation to priority works so as to reap benefits after completion in a time bound manner
- Three 'Safety Villages' to be set up at Bengaluru, Kharagpur and Lucknow for skill development for disaster management;

Resource Mobilization

- Indian Railway Station Development Corporation to be set up to redevelop stations through PPP mode;
- Logistics Corporation to be set up for development & management of existing railway goods sheds and multi-modal logistics parks.
- Private investment schemes for Wagon leasing, Sidings, Private Freight Terminals, Container train operations, Rail connectivity projects (R3i and R2C-i) being made more attractive to PPP partners.
- New Board Member (PPP/Marketing) to be inducted

Metropolitan Projects

- Works announced for Kolkata Metro last year progressing satisfactorily and some projects being extended to cover new sections.
- SPV with Andhra Pradesh Government to be set up for commercial management of the MMTS.
- MRVC to carry out feasibility study for construction of faster corridors

on CSTM – Panvel and Virar-Vasai-Diva-Panvel sections.

- Work to be taken up facilitating running of 12-car rakes on Harbour line.
- Financial modeling of the elevated rail corridor from Churchgate to Virar firmed up with Government of Maharashtra through PPP mode.
- A pre-feasibility survey for a similar corridor between CST and Kalyan proposed.
- A National High Speed Rail Authority to be set up.
- Pre-feasibility studies on six high speed corridors already completed; study on Delhi-Jaipur-Ajmer-Jodhpur to be taken up in 2012-13.

Cooperation with State Governments

- MoU signed with Government of Chhatisgarh to develop three rail corridors in state for movement of passenger and freight.
- 31 projects covering a length of more than 5000 km in 10 states being executed with contribution from state governments.
- Four projects on cost sharing basis with Governments of Haryana, Andhra Pradesh & West Bengal proposed.
- 12 projects on cost sharing basis with Government of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Rajasthan & Maharashtra sent to Planning Commission for approval.
- 17 projects to facilitate the first and list mile connectivity proactively sanctioned and another 28 projects identified.

Connectivity to neighbouring countries

- Construction of Jogbani-Biratnagar and Jaynagar-Bijalpura-Bardibas new lines already in progress to provide connectivity to Nepal.
- Project to connect Agartala with Akhaura in Bangladesh to be taken up in 2012-13.

Rail Based Industries

- Rail Wheel Plan at Chhapra produced 78 wheels during 2011-12; the plant would be fully commissioned in 2012-13.
- Rae Bareli coach factory manufactured 10 coaches in 2011-12; phase-II of the factory would be commissioned in 2012-13.
- Diesel Component Factory at Dankuni has commenced trial production and would be fully commissioned in 2012-13.
- Wagon Manufacturing Factory at Kulti and fiat bogey frame unit at Budge Budge to commence production in 2012-13.
- A wagon factory to be set up at Sitapali (Ganjam District of Odisha).
- A rail coach factory with the support of Government of Kerala to be set

up at Palakkad; two additional new manufacturing units for coaches to be established in the Kutch area in Gujarat and at Kolar in Karnataka with active participation of the State Governments.

- A plant for manufacture of traction alternators for high horse power diesel locomotives to be set up at Vidisha in Madhya Pradesh.
- Setting up of a factory at Shyamnagar in West Bengal to manufacture next generation technology propulsion system for use in high power electric locomotives.
- Augmenting the electric loco Ancillaries Unit of CLW at Dankuni for fabrication of locomotive shells and assembly of three phase locomotives for manufacturing of new generation 9000 HP locomotives.
- Sick wagon unit 'Braithwaite' taken over by Railways has been conferred with Turn Around Award by the Board of Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprise.

Green Initiatives

- Setting up of 72 MW capacity windmill plants in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.
- Setting up of 200 remote railway stations as 'green energy stations' powered entirely by solar energy.
- Providing solar lighting system at 1000 manned level crossing gates.
- Introduction of mobile emission test cars to measure pollution level of diesel locomotives.
- Commissioning of two bio diesel plants at Raipur and Tondiarpet.
- Introduction of a 'Green Train' to run through the pristine forests of North Bengal.
- 2500 coaches to be equipped with bio toilets.

Passenger/Rail Users' Amenities

- Installation of 321 escalators at important stations of which 50 will be commissioned in 2012-13.
- 12 State of art mechanized laundries already set up and 6 more to become functional during 2012-13.
- SMS on passenger mobile phone in case of e-ticket to be accepted as proof of valid reservation.
- Introduction of regional cuisine at affordable rates; launching of Book-a-meal scheme to provide multiple choice of meals through SMS or email.
- Setting up of AC Executive lounges at important stations.
- Setting up of new Rail Neer Plants at Palur in Tamil Nadu and Ambarnath in Maharashtra.

- Expansion of housekeeping schemes for trains.
- Introduction of Rail Bandhu on-board magazines on Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duronto trains.
- Introduction of coin/currency operated ticket vending machines.
- Introduction of Alternate Train Accommodation System to accommodate waitlisted passengers on alternate trains.
- Introduction of model rake with world class interiors.
- Upgradation of 929 stations as Adarsh Stations including 84 stations proposed in 2012-13; 490 stations have been completed so far.
- Construction of multi-functional complexes at 24 locations completed.
- Sale of PRS tickets through 151 post offices.
- Implementation of electronic transmission of RR for freight traffic.
- Introduction of satellite based real time train information system (SIMRAN) to provide train running information to passengers through SMS, internet, etc.
- On board passenger displays indicating next halt station and expected arrival time to be introduced.
- Specially designed coaches for differently-abled persons to be provided in each Mail/Express trains.
- Engaging reputed professional agencies for pantry cars and base kitchens.
- Specialised House-keeping body to be set up for cleanliness of stations and the trains.
- Dedicated Railway Design Centre to be set up in the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad.

Coaching terminals

- Survey and feasibility study for new coaching terminals at Nemam, Kottayam, Mau and Dankuni to be taken up.
- Pre-feasibility study for development of Roypuram station in Tamil Nadu for which many representations have been received.
- New coaching complex at Panvel and coach maintenance complex at Kalamboli in partnership with Government of Maharashtra through CIDCO planned.
- New coaching terminal at Naihati, the birth place of Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay commemorating him on 175th Birth Anniversary

Annual Plan 2012-13

- Highest ever plan outlay of ₹60,100 cr.
 - Gross Budgetary Support - ₹24,000 cr

- Railway Safety Fund - ₹2,000 cr
 - Internal Resources - ₹18,050 cr.
 - Market Borrowing - ₹15,000 cr; PPP - ₹1,050 cr.
- 725 km new lines, 700 km doubling, 800 km gauge conversion and 1100 km electrification targeted in 2012-13.
 - ₹6,872 cr provided for new lines, ₹3,393 cr for doubling, ₹1,950 cr for gauge conversion, ₹828 cr for electrification.

Financial Performance 2011-12

- Loading target reduced by 23 MT to 970 MT.
- Gross Traffic Receipts fixed at ₹1,03,917 cr in RE, short by ₹2,322 cr over Budget Estimates.
- Ordinary Working Expenses fixed at ₹75,650 cr, an increase of ₹2,000 cr over Budget Estimates; Pension payments also up by ₹1,000 cr.
- Current dividend liability to be fully discharged.
- Excess of ₹1,492 cr as against the budget amount of ₹5,258 cr.
- A loan of ₹3,000 cr extended by MoF to meet requirement of safety related works under Development Fund.
- Operating Ratio of 95.0% as compared to 91.1% in Budget Estimates.

Budget Estimates 2012-13

- Freight loading of 1025 MT, 55 MT more than 2011-12.
- Passenger growth - 5.4%.
- Gross Traffic Receipts - ₹1,32,552 cr i.e. 27.6% increase over RE, 2011-12
- Ordinary Working Expenses - ₹84,400 cr.
- Appropriation to DRF at ₹9,500 cr and to Pension Fund at ₹18,500 cr.
- Dividend payment estimated at ₹6,676 cr.
- Loan of ₹3,000 cr taken in 2011-12 to be fully repaid along with interest.
- Operating Ratio estimated at 84.9%.

Security

- Installation of Integrated Security System at all 202 identified stations to be completed in 2012-13.
- Escorting of trains by RPF/GRP extended to 3500 trains.
- Integration of RPF helpline with the All India Passenger Helpline.

Staff Welfare

- Introduction of a wellness programme for railway staff at their work places.
- Ensuring proper rest for skilled and technical staff including the running crew.
- NID to design appropriate outfits for various categories of workforce.

Training and Recruitment

- Over 80000 persons recruited in 2011-12;
- Over one lakh persons to be recruited in 2012-13 - backlog of SC/ST/OBC and other categories to be wiped off.

Sports

- 7 Railway sportsperson honored with Arjuna Award and Major Dhyanchand Award in 2011-12.
- 5 Railway sportsperson qualified for Olympics 2012.
- Development of a roadmap for railway sports.
- Institution of 'Rail Khel Ratna' Award for 10 rail sports-persons every year.

Concessions

- Value of concession granted to travelers is more than ₹800 cr per year.
- 50% concession in fare in AC-2, AC-3, Chair Car & Sleeper classes to patients suffering from 'Aplastic Anaemia' and 'Sickle Cell Anaemia'.
- Extending the facility of travel by Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains to Arjuna Awardees.
- Travel distance under 'Izzat Scheme' to increase from 100 kms to 150 kms.

Suburban Services

- 75 additional services to run in Mumbai suburban.
- 18 additional services to be run in Chennai area.
- 44 new suburban services to be introduced in Kolkata area.
- 50 new services to be introduced in Kolkata Metro in 2012-13.

Trains

- 75 new Express trains to be introduced.
- 21 new passenger services, 9 DEMU services and 8 MEMU services to be introduced.
- Run of 39 trains to be extended.
- Frequency of 23 trains to be increased.

Tariff Proposals

- Setting up of Railway Tariff Regulatory Authority to be considered;
- Passenger fares increased by 2 paise per km for suburban and ordinary second class; 3 paise per km for mail/express second class; 5 paise per km for sleeper class; 10 paise per km for AC Chair Car, AC 3 tier and First Class; 15 paise per km for AC 2 tier and 30 paise per km for AC I.
- Fares to be rounded off to the next nearest five rupees.
- Minimum fare and platform tickets to cost ₹5.
- Fuel Adjustment Component (FAC) in fares contemplated.
