

Highlights of Railway Budget 2012-13

RAILWAY BUDGET 2012-13

- Passenger fares increased marginally. The increase will be 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.
- Minimum fare and platform tickets to cost Rs. 5.
- 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.
- SMS on passenger mobile phone in case of e-ticket to be accepted as proof of valid reservation.
- 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.
- Installation of 321 escalators at important stations of which 50 will be commissioned in 2012-13.
- Introduction of regional cuisine at affordable rates; launching of Book-a-meal scheme to provide multiple choice of meals through SMS or email.
- Introduction of coin/currency operated ticket vending machines.

- Upgradation of 929 stations as Adarsh Stations including 84 stations proposed in 2012-13; 490 stations have been completed so far.
- Specially designed coaches for differently-abled persons to be provided in each Mail/Express trains.
- Introduction of Rail Bandhu on-board magazines on Rajdhanis, Shatabdis and Duronto trains.
- Setting up of AC Executive lounges at important stations
- 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.
- 75 additional services to run in Mumbai suburban; 44 new suburban services to be introduced in Kolkata area, 50 new services to be introduced in Kolkata Metro; 18 additional services in Chennai area.
- 725 km new lines, 700 km doubling, 800 km gauge conversion and 1,100 km electrification targeted in 2012-13.
- Rs 6,872 cr provided for new lines, Rs 3,393 cr for doubling, Rs 1,950 cr for gauge conversion, Rs 828 cr for electrification
- Highest ever plan outlay of Rs. 60,100 cr
- Rae Bareilly coach factory manufactured 10 coaches in 2011-12; phase-II of the factory would be commissioned 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.

- Setting up of a factory at Shyamnagar in West Bengal to manufacture next generation technology propulsion system for use in high power electric locomotives.
- Creating Missions as recommended by Pitroda Committee to implement the modernization programme.
- Setting up of Railway Tariff Regulatory Authority to be considered.
- New Board Members for Safety/Research and PPP/Marketing to be inducted.
- Rail-Road Grade Separation Corporation to be set up to eliminate level crossings.
- 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.
- 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.
- Introduction of a 'Green Train' to run through the pristine forests of North Bengal.
- Setting up of 200 remote railway stations as 'green energy stations' powered entirely by solar energy.
- Providing solar lighting system at 1,000 manned level crossing gates.
- 2,500 coaches to be equipped with bio toilets.
- Setting up of 72 MW capacity windmill plants in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.
- Installation of Integrated Security System at all 202 identified stations to be completed in 2012-13.
- Escorting of trains by RPF/GRP extended to 3,500 trains.

- Integration of RPF helpline with the All India Passenger Helpline.
- Setting up of a Railway Safety Authority as a statutory regulatory body as recommended by Kakodkar Committee
- . Three ‘Safety Villages’ to be set up at Bengaluru, Kharagpur and Lucknow for skill development for disaster management.
- Over one lakh persons to be recruited in 2012-13 – backlog of SC/ST/OBC and other categories to be wiped off.
- Introduction of a wellness programme for railway staff at their work places.
- Ensuring proper rest for skilled and technical staff including the running crew.
- Institution of ‘Rail Khel Ratna’ Award for 10 rail sports-persons every year.
- New coaching terminal at Naihati, the birth place of Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay commemorating him on 175th Birth Anniversary.
- .Project to connect Agartala with Akhaura in Bangladesh to be taken up in 2012-13.
- Freight loading of 1,025 MT targeted; 55 MT more than 2011-12
- Passenger growth targeted at 5.4 %.