

SYNOPSIS OF RAIL BUDGET - 2013

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Synopsis Of Rail Budget - 2013 Has Been Covered Into The Following Four Sections

A. Rail Budget About Losses, Gross Revenue Etc

- ❖ **Losses From Railways Is Estimated At Rs 24,600 Crore For 2012-2013.**
- ❖ Railways **Gross Traffic Receipts** Fixed At Rs 1,25,680 Cr In Re, Short By Rs 6,872 Cr Over Budget Estimates.. Budget Estimates of 2013-14 for Gross Traffic Receipts kept at Rs 1,43,742 crores i.e. an increase of Rs 18,062 crores over Revised Estimates of 2012-13.
- ❖ **Ordinary Working Expenses** Retained At Be Level Of Rs 84,400 Cr; Pension Payments Increased By Rs 1,500 Cr To Rs 20,000 Cr
- ❖ **'Excess' Of Rs 10,409 Cr As Against The Budget Amount Of Rs 15,557 Cr**
- ❖ **Operating Ratio Of 88.8% As Compared To 94.9% In 2011-12**
- ❖ **Aim** For A Operating Ratio Of 87.8% In FY14
- ❖ **Rs 3,000 Crore** Loan From Finance Ministry **Re-Paid With Interest** By Railways This Financial Year
- ❖ **Freight Income Expected At For FY 13 Target Rs 89976 Crores, Says Railway Minister**
- ❖ Railways' Fuel Bill Up Rs 3300 Crore, Plus Higher Electricity Charges
- ❖ Railways' Freight Loading Traffic Scaled Down By 100 Million Tonnes From 1025 Million Tonnes Because Of Economic Slowdown
- ❖ Railways To Set Up A Debt Service Fund
- ❖ Fuel Component Of Freight Tariff Will Be Dynamic
- ❖ **Freight Earning To Grow By 9 Per Cent To Rs 93,554 Crore**
- ❖ 5.2 Per Cent Growth In Passenger Traffic Expected In 2013-14
- ❖ Freight Target Fixed At 1,047 Mt For 2013-14, 40 Mt Over The Current Year
- ❖ Railway Hopes To End 2013-14 With A Balance Of Rs 12,506 Crore
- ❖ Planned Investment Of Rs 63,363 Crore For 2013-14, Including Rs 600 Crore From Ppp Route
- ❖ Resource Constraint Can't Be An Excuse For Sub Standard Services
- ❖ **Have Spent Rs 100 Crores On Upgrading 3 Delhi Stations**
- ❖ 12th Plan Railway Size To Be Rs 5.19 Lakh Crore, With Gross Budgetary Support Of Rs 1.94 Lakh Crore.
- ❖ Rs One Lakh Crore To Be Raised From Public-Private Partnership, Rs 1.05 Lakh Crore Through Internal Resources In The 12th Plan, Says Railway Minister
- ❖ Railways Will Leverage On India's Prowess In Information Technology. Makes Eminent Sense As It Will Improve Passenger And Freight Services
- ❖ Railways Will Haul 1007 Million Tonnes Of Freight, 38 Million Tonnes More Than Last Year
- ❖ **Freight Traffic Is The Mainstay Of Income For Railways, Says Railway Minister**
- ❖ 12th Plan Market Borrowing At 1,20 Lakh Crores

B. Rail Budget About Passenger Fare, Tatkal Charges, Cancellation & Reservation Charges

- ❖ **Tatkal Charges** for Sleeper Class Raised By Rs 15 to Rs 25 and For Ac Chair Car from Rs 25 to Rs 50. Tatkal Charges in Ac-3 Tier Increased By Rs 50; Ac-2 Tier and Executive Class by Rs 100.
- ❖ **Cancellation Charges** Increased For All Classes Between Rs 5 And Rs 50. No Increase in Parcel and Luggage Rates.
- ❖ **Reservation Fee** For Ac First And Executive Classes Rose To Rs 60 From Rs 35 And That Of First Class And Ac-2 Doubled To Rs 50. Reservation Fee For Ac Chair Car, Ac-3 Economy And Ac-3 Tier Increased To Rs 40 From Rs 25. Supplementary Charges for Superfast Trains Rose between Rs 5 and Rs 25.
- ❖ **Supplementary Charges** For Super Fast Trains, Reservation Fee, Clerkage Charge, Cancellation Charge And Tatkal Charge Marginally Increased
- ❖ **No Hike in Basic Passenger Fares**; Reservation Charges, Tatkal Fee Raised. Across The Board Hike in Freight Charges by an Average of About 5.8%.
- ❖ Dynamic Fuel Prices May Raise Freight Prices By 5%
- ❖ **Freight Earning To Grow By 9 Per Cent To Rs 93,554 Crore**

C. Rail Budget About New Trains, New Projects And New Services

- ❖ Introduction Of **Executive Lounge** At 7 More Stations: Bilaspur, Visakhapatnam, Patna, Agra, Nagpur, Jaipur And Bengaluru
- ❖ **'Azadi Express'** To Connect Places Associated With Freedom Movement
- ❖ **72 Additional Services** To Be Introduced In Mumbai And 18 In Kolkata
- ❖ 500 Km New Lines, 750 Km Doubling, 450 Km Gauge Conversion Targeted In 2013-14
- ❖ **500-Km New Lines To Be Completed In 2013-14**
- ❖ **Next Gen E-Ticketing System** To Be Rolled Out; Will Handle 7200 Tickets/Minute As Of 2000 Now
- ❖ **Project Of Sms Alerts** To Passengers Providing Updates On Reservation Status
- ❖ **Internet Ticketing** From 00:30 Hours To 23:30 Hours
- ❖ **Fuel Adjustment Component** Linked Revision For Freight Tariff To Be Implemented From April 01, 2013
- ❖ **First Ac Emu Rake** To Be Introduced On Mumbai Suburban Network In 2013-14
- ❖ **Upgrading Another 60 Stations** As Adarsh Stations In Addition To 980 Already Selected
- ❖ 8-10 More Mechanized Laundries For **Quality Washing Of Linen**
- ❖ Setting Up Of Six More **Rail Neer Bottling Plants** At Vijayawada, Nagpur, Lalitpur, Bilaspur, Jaipur And Ahmedabad
- ❖ **A New Forged Wheel Factory Will Be Set Up At Rae Bareli In** Collaboration With Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited
- ❖ **A Greenfield Mainline Electrical Multiple Units (Memu) Manufacturing Facility** Will Be Set Up At Bhilwara (Rajasthan) In Collaboration With State Government And Bhel

- ❖ Railways To Set Up A **Coach Manufacturing Unit** In Sonapat District (Haryana) In Collaboration With State Government
- ❖ Railways To Set Up A **Midlife Rehabilitation Workshop** At Kurnool (Andhra Pradesh) In Collaboration With The State Government
- ❖ Bikaner And Pratapgarh Workshops To Undertake Poh Of Bg Wagons
- ❖ Railways To Set Up A **Workshop** For Repair And Rehabilitation Of Motorized Bogies At Misrod (Madhya Pradesh)
- ❖ Railways To Set Up A **New Wagon Maintenance Workshop** In Kalahandi (Odisha)
- ❖ Railways To Set Up A **Modern Signaling Equipment Facility** At Chandigarh Through Ppp Route
- ❖ **New Coach Manufacturing And Maintenance** Facilities To Be Set Up In Various Places Including Rae Bareli, Bhilwara, Sonapat, Kalahandi, Kolar, Palakkad And Pratapgarh.
- ❖ Plan To Launch Corporate Safety Plan For 10 Years From 2014, Says Railway Minister
- ❖ Committed To Bring A Marked Change In Railway Amenities
- ❖ Plan For Free Wi-Fi On Trains
- ❖ 1800-111-310 Toll Free For Suggestions And Complaints
- ❖ Indian Railway Institute For Financial Management To Be Set Up At Secunderabad To Train Rail Officers On A Regular Basis.
- ❖ Railway Energy Management Company To Be Set Up To Harness Solar And Wind Energy
- ❖ **Proposed 179 Escalators And More Wheelchairs, Says Railway Minister**
- ❖ 104 Stations Identified For Added Amenities, Says Railway Minister
- ❖ Railways Created 4 Companies Of Rpf Personnel For Women
- ❖ **Bansal Announces Luxury Coaches**
- ❖ **Plan Executive Lounges In Bilaspur And Nagpur, Says Railway Minister**
- ❖ Railway Minister Re-Iterates Concerns Raised By Sam Pitroda Panel On Modernisation And Kakodar Panel On Safety
- ❖ Frequency Of 24 Trains To Be Increased, And Run Of 57 Trains To Be Extended
- ❖ Railway Budget 2013: **26 New Passenger Trains Announced** - The New Trains Are:
 - ✓ Bathinda - Dhuri Passenger (Daily)
 - ✓ Bikaner-Ratangarh Passenger (Daily)
 - ✓ Bhavnagar - Palitana Passenger (Daily)
 - ✓ Bhavnagar - Surendranagar Passenger (Daily)
 - ✓ Bareilly - Lalkuan Passenger (Daily)
 - ✓ Chhapra -Thawe Passenger (Daily)
 - ✓ Loharu - Sikar Passenger (Daily) After Gauge Conversion
 - ✓ Madgaon - Ratnagiri Passenger (Daily)
 - ✓ Marikuppam - Bangalore Passenger (Daily)
 - ✓ Muzaffarpur - Sitamarhi Passenger (Daily) Via Runnisaidpur
 - ✓ Nadiad - Modasa Passenger (6 Days A Week)
 - ✓ Nandyal - Kurnool Town Passenger (Daily)
 - ✓ New Amravati - Narkher Passenger (Daily)
 - ✓ Punalur - Kollam Passenger (Daily)
 - ✓ Purna - Parli Vaijnath Passenger (Daily)

- ✓ Palani-Tiruchendur Passenger (Daily)
- ✓ Ratangarh - Sardarsahar Passenger (Daily) After Gauge Conversion
- ✓ Samastipur- Banmankhi Passenger Via Saharsa, Madhepura (Daily) After Gauge Conversion
- ✓ Shoranur - Kozhikode Passenger (Daily)
- ✓ Surendranagar - Dharangdhara Passenger (Daily)
- ✓ Suratgarh - Anupgarh Passenger (Daily)
- ✓ Somnath - Rajkot Passenger (Daily)
- ✓ Sitamarhi - Raxaul Passenger (Daily)
- ✓ Sriranganagar - Hanumangarh-Sadulpur Passenger (Daily) After Gauge Conversion
- ✓ Talguppa - Shimoga Town Passenger (Daily)
- ✓ Thrisur-Guruvayur Passenger (Daily)
- ❖ **Bansal Announces New Lines –**
 - ✓ Bhupdeopur-Raigarh (Mand Colliery) (Through Ppp);
 - ✓ Gevra Road-Pendra Road (Through Ppp)
 - ✓ Jaisalmer (Thiyat Hamira)-Sanu;
 - ✓ Karaikal-Peralam;
 - ✓ Rewari-Rohtak New Line Extension Up To Makrauli;
 - ✓ Sultanpur To Kadipur;
 - ✓ Thanjavur-Pattukkottai
- ❖ **Bansal Proposed To Take Up 22 Projects Of New Lines And One Gauge Conversion Project. These Include**
 - ✓ Ajmer-Kota (Nasirabad-Jalindri),
 - ✓ Anandnagar-Ghugli Via Maharajganj,
 - ✓ Barwadih-Chirmiri,
 - ✓ Delhi-Sohna-Nuh-Firozpur
 - ✓ Jhirka-Alwar,
 - ✓ Dimapur - Tizit And
 - ✓ Pushkar-Merta.

D. Rail Budget – Other Key Provisions

- ❖ Dynamic Fuel Adjustment Component To Be Introduced On Freight Rates From April One, That Will Result In Less Than Five Per Cent Increase In Rates
- ❖ **1.52 Lakh Vacancies** Being Filled Up This Year; 47000 Of This Earmarked For Weaker Sections And Physically Challenged
- ❖ **47,000 Vacancies For Weaker Sections** And Physically Challenged To Be Filled Up Soon
- ❖ Railways Will Hone Skills Of **Finance And Accounts Officers**
- ❖ Awarded Sportspersons To Get Free First Class Travel
- ❖ **Concessional Travel For Sportspersons, Military Personnel Who Have Won Awards, New Rail Factories, Sops To Railway Employees**
- ❖ Looking At Potential Application Of Aadhar
- ❖ **Irctc Website To Be Revamped**
- ❖ **Next Generation E-Ticketing System By End Of This Year**

- ❖ Online Reservations Time May Be Extended
- ❖ Corporate Safety Plan To Be Prepared For Ten-Year Period
- ❖ Growth Of Railways Is Inextricably Linked With The Growth Of The Overall Country
- ❖ Railways Must Remain Financially Sustainable For Its Users, Says Railway Minister
- ❖ Railway Plays An Important Role In The Growth Of The Nation
- ❖ Scarcity Of Resources Is A Challenge Being Faced By Railways
- ❖ Targets Need To Be Much Higher For Railways: Pawan Kumar Bansal
- ❖ Railway Passengers Deserve A Safe And Comfortable Journey: Pawan Kumar Bansal
- ❖ 11th Plan Fell Short Of Targets For Doubling
- ❖ Railways Faced Steep Hike In Input Costs
- ❖ We Face Mounting Scarcity Of Resources, Says Pawan Bansal
- ❖ Safety Fund Provisioning Is Inadequate, Says Railway Minister
- ❖ Reduction In Number Of Train Accidents, Says Bansal
- ❖ Need Paradigm Shift In Tariff And Freight Policy
- ❖ Raising Rs 95000 Crore In The Next 4 Years Needs A Paradigm Shift
- ❖ 12th Plan Budgetary Allocation At Rs 5.19 Lakh Crore
- ❖ Railways Trying To Achieve The Goal Of Zero Accidents
- ❖ Pawan Bansal Hints A Huge Step Up In Investment In Automatic Signalling To Make Rail Travel Safe For Passengers