

HIGHLIGHTS OF RAILWAY BUDGET 2010-2011

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- ❖ IR runs 17,000 trains every day, carrying 18 million passengers over 64,015 route-kms.
- ❖ Preferred social responsibility is an important consideration.
- ❖ Objective of Indian Railways is inclusive growth.
- ❖ Railways cannot ignore this responsibility of making investments for future growth.
- ❖ Our vision is our strength. Our mission is country's development. Our action is constructive and innovative. Idea is our creativity. Our goal is to unite the country through rail connectivity.
- ❖ No increase in Passenger and Freight fare.
- ❖ Reduction of Rs 100 per wagon in freight charges for food-grains for domestic use and kerosene.
- ❖ Railways received more than 5000 requests for new/additional services.
- ❖ After a span of 58 years, IR now reached only 64,015 kms, adding just 10,419 kms, an annual average of only 180 kms and 219 kms during the last five years.
- ❖ IR to add 25,000 kms of new lines in the next ten years, as outlined in Vision 2020.
- ❖ first time ever we are planning a major jump to complete 1,000 route-kms of new lines in one year within IR limited resources.
- ❖ Target for doubling fixed as 700 km
- ❖ The time has come for the business community to come and join hands to build partnerships with the Railways.
- ❖ IR decided to set up a special task force to clear proposals for investments within 100 days. Our policy guidelines will be made easy, simple and investment friendly.
- ❖ Railway will not be privatized.
- ❖ Work has been initiated in all the 67 Multi-functional Complexes (MFCs) another 93 MFCs proposed.
- ❖ 94 stations further declared as Adarsh Stations.
- ❖ 10 more stations identified to convert as world class stations.
- ❖ IR to spend a record Rs.1302 crore in 2010-11 on passenger amenities.
- ❖ The Catering Policy is under revision and will be finalized as early as possible.
- ❖ Air-space at stations in large cities will be leveraged to build multi-level parking complexes through the PPP route.
- ❖ Double-decker train-sets matching the best in global standards
- ❖ Anti-collision device (ACD) and train protection warning system introduced in NF Railway will be extended to 828 route km further.
- ❖ Out of 17000 un-manned level crossings 3,000 level crossings was approved in 2009-10 and a further 1,000 level crossings will be taken up next year.
- ❖ New scheme of "House for All" will provide residences to all railway employees in the next ten years with the help of Ministry of Urban Development.
- ❖ Railways has decided to enhance the contribution to Central Staff Benefit Fund from Rs 350 per employee to Rs 500.
- ❖ The scope of safety-related retirement scheme is proposed to be expanded to cover all safety category staff with a grade pay of Rs 1800
- ❖ Two Memorandum of Understanding for setting up of hospitals and educational institutions on surplus railway land with Ministry of Health and Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- ❖ 522 hospitals and diagnostic centres, 50 Kendriya Vidyalayas, 10 residential schools on the pattern of Navodaya Vidyalaya, model degree colleges and technical and anagement institutions of national importance will be set up.
- ❖ A Centre for Railway Research is proposed to be set up in Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur for research in key areas of railway technology and to give a thrust to indigenization.

- ❖ Modernize and augment the capacity of CLW from its present level of 200 locomotives to 275.
- ❖ Work in Rae Bareilly, will be speeded up. Establishment of new coach factory at Kancharapara and Palakkad is in progress.
- ❖ Work on the loco factories at Madhepura and Marhora is also progressing.
- ❖ A Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) factory in JV/PPP mode would be set up at Sankrail.
- ❖ Integral Coach Factory, Chennai would be further modernised and expanded by installing a second unit so as to equip it to manufacture a larger number of technologically upgraded coaches.
- ❖ A new Mid-Life Rehabilitation workshop at Anara (Adra) with an annual capacity of 250 coaches.
- ❖ Centres of Excellence in Wagon Prototyping in Railway Workshops will be set up at Kharagpur Workshop.
- ❖ Setting up of new Rail wheel factory through Public Private Participation.
- ❖ A Design Development and Testing Centre for Wheels will be set up at Rail Wheel Factory, Bangalore.
- ❖ IR to set up five state-of-the-art wagon factories in JV/PPP mode at Secunderabad, Bardhaman, Bhubaneswar/Kalahandi, Guwahati and Haldia.
- ❖ Railways will introduce modified wagon investment scheme, Special Freight Trains, to set up automobile and ancillary hub, roll-on-roll-off service, multi-modal door-to-door freight service, Premium Tatkal service for parcel and freight.
- ❖ Steps taken by the Railways include distribution of 2.6 million CFLs and setting up 10 eco-parks.
- ❖ For western corridor of the Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFC), agreement for main loan for Phase I would be signed with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) next month. Negotiation are at advanced stage for Eastern Corridors.
- ❖ Preliminary Engineering & traffic survey for another four DFC will be taken this year.
- ❖ DFC remained as Diamond Rail Corridor.
- ❖ High speed passenger Rail Corridors (“Golden Rail Corridor”) to run trains at the speed from 250 to 350 kmph, proposes to set up National High Speed Rail Authority.
- ❖ Railways have already initiated an accounting reforms project that would enable it to move over gradually to an accrual based accounting system.

Value in crore

	2009-10 (RE)	2010-11 (BE)
Freight Earnings	58716	62489
Passenger Earnings	24057	26127
Sundry & Other Coaching earnings	2982	5949
Total Gross Earnings	88281	94565
Traffic suspense	75	200
Gross traffic receipt	88356	94765
Ordinary Working expenses	65500	65000
DRF	4500	7600
Pension Fund	13440	14500
Total Working expenses	83440	87100
Net revenue	6490	9782
Dividend liability	5539	6609
Excess	951	3173
Market Borrowing	9520	
Investment	40284	41426

- ❖ The Annual Plan outlay for the year 2010-11 (Rs 41,426 crore), would be financed through Gross Budgetary Support of Rs 15,875 crore, Diesel Cess of Rs 877 crore, internal resources of Rs 14,523 crore and EBR of Rs 10,151 crore including market borrowing through IRFC of Rs 9,120 crore.
- ❖ Surveys for new line – 55, Surveys Gauge conversion – 2, Surveys Doubling – 7, other Surveys – 5
- ❖ Master Plan for the development of rail infrastructure in the Northeast region
- ❖ Indian Railways would be completing about 2,300 route kms of electrification in the first three years of the XI Plan against the target of 3500 kms for the five year period. Another 2,000 kms are planned in the remaining two years. Of the 14,000 route kms identified as prospective routes for electrification in the Vision 2020.
- ❖ Optic fibre network of 37,000 kms cables and work on adding another 12,000 kms is in progress. The balance 15,000 kms is proposed to be taken up through PPP route.
- ❖ Expansion of Kolkata metro and Mumbai sub urban services.
- ❖ Introduction of Sanskriti Express, Matrobhoomi Express, Karmabhoomi Express, Janmabhoomi Express, Duronto Express and Bharat Trith Trains.
- ❖ In addition 53 long distance express trains²⁸ Passenger trains, 9 MEMUs, 8 DEMUs, extension of train service – 21 and increase in frequency – 12.