

Railway Budget 2014 - Highlights

The Union Railway Minister **D.V. Sadananda Gowda** presented his maiden **Railway Budget** in Parliament on **8th July 2014**, promising to seek increased foreign and domestic private investment to fund modernization of the country's huge but badly stretched network. The state-owned railway has suffered from years of low investment and populist policies to subsidise fares. These have reduced the system to a slow, congested network that crimps economic growth. Here are the highlights of this Budget.

- No new increase in passenger fares and freight charges
- Bullet train in Mumbai-Ahmedabad sector
- Diamond quadrilateral for high speed trains
- Plan to hike speed of trains to 160-200 km/hr in 9 sectors
- Online booking to support 7,200 tickets per minute; to allow 1.2 lakh users log in simultaneously
- Reservation system to be revamped, ticket-booking through mobile phones, post offices to be popularized
- Online platform for unreserved tickets
- Combo parking-platform tickets at stations
- Women RPF Constables to escort ladies coaches; 4,000 women constables to be inducted
- Retiring room facility to be extended to all stations
- Battery operated cars for differently-abled and senior citizens at major stations
- Feedback services through IVRS on quality of food
- Food can be ordered through SMS, phone; Food courts at major stations
- Cleanliness budget up by 40 per cent over last year
- CCTVs to be used at stations for monitoring cleanliness
- Setting up of corpus fund for stations' upkeep; RO drinking water in some stations and trains
- Automatic door closing in mainline and sub-urban coaches
- 58 new trains and extension of 11; 864 additional EMUs to be introduced in Mumbai over 2 years
- FDI in railway projects, except in operations
- FDI, domestic investments in rail infrastructure
- Office-on-Wheels: Internet & workstation facilities on select trains
- WiFi in A1, A category stations and in select trains
- Railways university for technical and non-technical subjects
- Some stations to be developed to international standards through PPP model
- Parcel traffic to be segregated to separate terminals to make passenger traffic unhindered
- Loss per passenger per kilometre up from 10 per cent in 2000-01 to 23 per cent in 2012-13
- Solar energy to be tapped at major stations
- Highest ever plan outlay of Rs. 65,455 crore for 2014-15

- Expenditure in 2014-15 pegged at Rs. 149,176 crore.

New Trains

➤ **Jansadharan Trains**

1. Ahmedabad-Darbhanga Jansadharan Express via Surat
2. Jaynagar-Mumbai Jansadharan Express
3. Mumbai-Gorakhpur Jansadharan Express
4. Saharasa-Anand Vihar Jansadharan Express via Motihari
5. Saharasa-Amritsar Jansadharan Express

➤ **Premium Trains**

1. Mumbai Central-New Delhi Premium AC Express
2. Shalimar-Chennai Premium AC Express
3. Secunderabad-Hazrat Nizamuddin Premium AC Express 6
4. Jaipur-Madurai Premium Express
5. Kamakhya-Bengaluru Premium Express

➤ **AC Express Trains**

1. Vijayawada-New Delhi AP Express (Daily)
2. Lokmanya Tilak(T)-Lucknow (Weekly)
3. Nagpur-Pune (Weekly)
4. Nagpur-Amritsar (Weekly)
5. Naharlagun-New Delhi (Weekly)
6. Nizamuddin-Pune (Weekly)

➤ **Express Trains**

1. Ahmedabad-Patna Express (Weekly) via Varanasi
2. Ahmedabad Chennai Express (Biweekly) via Vasai Road
3. Bengaluru -Mangalore Express (Daily)
4. Bengaluru -Shimoga Express (Biweekly)
5. Bandra(T)-Jaipur Express (Weekly) via Nagda, Kota
6. Bidar-Mumbai Express (Weekly)
7. Chhapra-Lucknow Express (Tri weekly) via Ballia, Ghazipur, Varanasi
8. Ferozpur-Chandigarh Express (6 days a week)
9. Guwahati-Naharlagun Intercity Express (Daily)
10. Guwahati-Murkongselek Intercity Express (Daily)
11. Gorakhpur-Anand Vihar Express (Weekly)
12. Hapa-Bilaspur Express (Weekly) via Nagpur
13. Hazur Saheb Nanded-Bikaner Express (Weekly)
14. Indore-Jammu Tawi Express (Weekly)
15. Kamakhya-Katra Express (Weekly) via Darbhanga
16. Kanpur-Jammu Tawi Express (Biweekly)

17. Lokmanya Tilak(T)-Azamgarh Express (Weekly)
18. Mumbai_Kazipeth Express (Weekly) via Balharshah
19. Mumbai-Palitana Express (Weekly)
20. New Delhi Bhatinda Shatabdi Express (Biweekly)
21. New Delhi-Varanasi Express (Daily)
22. Paradeep-Howrah Express (Weekly)
23. Paradeep-Visakhapatnam Express (Weekly)
24. Rajkot-Rewa Express (Weekly)
25. Ramnagar-Agra Express (Weekly)
26. Tatanagar Baiyyappanahali (Bengaluru) Express (Weekly)
27. Visakhapatnam-Chennai Express (Weekly)

➤ **Passenger Trains**

1. Bikaner-Rewari Passenger (Daily)
2. Dharwad-Dandeli Passenger (Daily) via Alnavar
3. Gorakhpur-Nautanwa Passenger (Daily)
4. Guwahati-Mendipathar Passenger (Daily)
5. Hatia-Rourkela Passenger 7
6. Byndoor-Kasaragod Passenger (Daily)
7. Rangapara North-Rangiya Passenger (Daily)
8. Yesvantpur-Tumkur Passenger (Daily)

➤ **MEMU services**

1. Bengaluru-Ramanagaram 6 days a week (3 Pairs)
2. Palwal-Delhi-Aligarh

➤ **DEMU services**

1. Bengaluru-Neelmangala (Daily)
2. Chhapra-Manduadih (6days a week) via Ballia
3. Baramula-Banihal (Daily)
4. Sambalpur-Rourkela (6 days a week)
5. Yesvantpur-Hosur (6 days a week)