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# RAIL BUDGET

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27 MARCH 2015

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**AN INTERACTION WITH  
SHRI MANOJ SINHA, HON'BLE  
MINISTER OF STATE, RAILWAYS**

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**W**ith the focus to become the prime mover of the economy in India, the

Railway Budget 2015-16 seems to have laid the foundation of a long-term reforms for the railways. The Budget has also identified major thrust areas to drive the growth - from resource mobilisation for higher Investments, 800 km of gauge conversion, passenger amenities, safety, transparency and system improvement and sustainability.

While last mile connectivity projects continue to be accorded the highest priority, the Railways intend to fast track the sanctioned works on 7,000 kms of double/third/fourth lines and commission 1,200 km in 2015-16 at an investment of Rs 8,686 crore.

Additionally, the Railway Budget has also sanctioned 77 projects covering 9,400 km of doubling/tripling/quadrupling works along with their electrification at a total cost of Rs 96,182 crore. Overall, the size of the Plan Budget has gone up by 52 percent - up from Rs 65,798 crore in 2014-15 to Rs 1,00,011 crore in 2015-16.

With its focus on increasing the speed in nine railway corridors that will help reduce logistics lead time, the government has also indicated that the Railways is keen to support the industry. According to experts, announcements like Transport Development Corporation and multi-modal depots are bound to improve the delivery capability of the logistic sector and thereby have a positive impact on the overall industry.

**THE INTERACTION RAIL BUDGET: REFORMS & GOVERNANCE WILL HAVE PARTICIPATION FROM INDUSTRY LEADERS AND WILL FOCUS ON THE IMPACT OF RAIL BUDGET 2015 ON ECONOMY, GOVERNANCE AND HOW IT WILL TRIGGER THE REFORMS IN THE SECTOR. THE DISCUSSION WILL ALSO FOCUS ON THE ISSUES FACED BY THE INDUSTRY AND WHAT THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO DO IN FUTURE.**

## KEY PARTICIPANTS

- Railway infrastructure companies
- Railway maintenance service companies
- Railway PSU heads
- Industry / Trade Associations
- Railway equipment manufacturing companies
- Freight management companies
- Communication Technology / Networking companies
- Information Technology companies
- Signal and Train Control equipment companies
- Financial Institutions & Donor Agencies
- Infrastructure / Realty development companies
- Suppliers to Indian Railways
- Civil Societies, NGOs & Railways Passenger groups
- Consultants

A lot of thrust has also been laid on modernisation of Railways, including the use of Information Technology and Communication technologies to deliver a sustained and measurable improvement in customer experience. The ministry also intends to use technology for making railways safer and to expand its capacity substantially by creating better infrastructure. Overall, the budget lays a lot of emphasis on leveraging technology in the sector.

It is important to note that even the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has highlighted that the role of Railways is more than

that of a transporter. The five-point vision rolled Rail Budget includes adopting a medium-term perspective, building partnerships and leveraging additional resources for revamping management practices, systems, services and setting standards for governance and transparency. The Rail Budget has also charted out four-point goal aimed at delivering a sustained improvement in customer experience; making railways a safer means of travel; modernising railways infrastructure and expanding its capacity and for making it financially self-sustainable.

# AGENDA

## Session

## Timings

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Registration & Welcome Tea

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

**Welcome Address:** by Governance Now

### Opening Note

**Keynote Address by Chief Guest Shri Manoj Sinha**, Minister of State, Railways, Government of India

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM

### Panel Discussion

- Impact of Rail Budget 2015 on economy and governance
- Railway Reforms and the vision of connected India
- State of passenger amenities and services: How to improve it?
- Re-defining the role of Railway as the hub of economic development
- Issues faced by the industry: What the Railway needs to do?
- Modernisation of Railway infrastructure: Faster & safer travel
- Use of IT & Communication technologies (including WiFi) for better customer experience
- Driving expansion: Funding models and role of PPP

12:30 PM - 12:50 PM Q & A

12:50 AM - 12:55 AM Vote of Thanks

## LUNCH

## KEY SPEAKERS AT OUR CONFERENCES



**Kalraj Mishra**  
Union Minister for MSME



**Ramvilas Paswan**  
Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Government of India



**Dr. Vinay Sahasrabudhe**  
Director General of Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini, National Vice President, BJP



**Nitish Kumar**  
Chief Minister, Bihar



**Arvind Kejriwal**  
Chief Minister, Delhi



**Rajpal Singh Shekhawat**,  
Minister for Urban Development & Housing, Rajasthan



**Shri Kailash Vijayvargiya**  
Hon'ble Minister, Urban Administration, Housing & Environment, Govt of Madhya Pradesh



**Praful Patel**  
Former Union for Minister Heavy industries and public enterprises



**Shiela Dixit**  
Former Chief Minister, Delhi



**Tariq Anwar**  
Former Union Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture



**Capt. Robin Bordoloi**  
MLA, Chairman, Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA)



**Sudhir Krishna**  
Former Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Gol



**Amitabh Kant**  
Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion



**VB Pyarelal**  
Additional Chief Secretary, Power Department, Government of Assam



**N Bajendra Kumar**,  
Additional Chief Secretary, Housing and Environment, Government of Chhattisgarh



**P Raghendra Rao**  
Additional Chief Secretary, Town & Country Planning & Urban Estates, Housing, Government of Haryana



**Rajesh Aggarwal**  
Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Government of India



**Rajiv Ranjan**  
Principal Secretary, Department of Highways and Minor Ports, Tamilnadu



**RP Khandelwal**  
Secretary, PWD, Rajasthan



**Krishna Kumar**,  
Vice Chairman, Bhubaneswar Development Authority & Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation



**BS Bassi**  
Commissioner of Police, Delhi



**Sisir Kumar Ratho**  
Special Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department, Government of Odisha



**Amit Kataria**,  
CEO, Naya Raipur Development Authority (NRDA), Government of Chhattisgarh



**Vishal Kumar Dev**  
Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Department of Industries, Government of Odisha

and many more...

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