

Rail budget proposes FDI, pvt investment, PPP projects

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New Delhi, July 8: Having already effected a steep hike, the railway budget for 2014-15 spared passengers of any fresh revision in fares and freight rates but pitched for reforms by proposing private and Foreign Direct Investment and Public Private Partnership (PPP) to meet the resource crunch.

Presenting his maiden budget for 2014-15 in the Lok Sabha, Railway Minister Sadananda Gowda said he plans to leverage railway PSU resources by bringing in their investible funds in infrastructure projects.

The pre-budget hike of 14.2 per cent on fares and 6.5 per cent on freight rates announced on June 19 will fetch Rs.8,000 crore, he said. The roll back of proposals on monthly season tickets would involve a sacrifice of Rs. 610 crore.

Gifted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's home state Gujarat, he announced plans for introduction of a bullet train in Mumbai-Ahmedabad sector which will cost Rs.60,000 crore.

Gowda said the budget seeks course correction in the light of mismanagement, apathy, populism in starting projects and severe fund crunch that have inflicted the railways over the years.

In his post-budget briefing, Gowda said the railways would continue with the Fuel Adjustment Costs (FAC) formula under which there will be periodic hike in fares and freight rates once in six months.

He said faced with resource crunch the government proposed to attract private and foreign investment to tide over the situation.

"We need huge investment for running bullet train. There was a ban on FDI in railways. Now we would request Commerce Ministry to delete that clause so that there can be FDI in infrastructure development," the minister said adding the Cabinet has to take a call.

Asked at his briefing as to what is the cap the railways would like on FDI, Railway Board Chairman Arunendra Kumar said "we would like it to be 100 per cent."

For this, structural reforms will be introduced and resources will be mobilised through PSU surplus, FDI and PPP, he said amidst shouts from the opposition that "this is a budget of Ambanis and Adanis".

"How long can I depend only on hiking fare and freight rates and burden the public to realise these funds?," he told the house adding, "this is unrealistic. Thus, I need to explore the alternate means of resource mobilisation."

Apart from leveraging railway PSUs to bring in investible surplus funds in infrastructure projects, Gowda his ministry is seeking Cabinet approval to allow FDI in rail sector except in operations.

Adopting the PPP route for raising resources, he said "it is our target that bulk of our future projects will be financed through PPP mode, including the high-speed rail which requires huge investments."

Increased passenger amenities, more safety measures, timely completion of projects and increased financial dis-



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The budget proposes multi-pronged approach to make Railway journey safe and secure and comfortable for passengers.

More thrust has been placed on passenger amenities, cleanliness and efficient station management. Now all major stations will have foot-over bridges, escalator and lifts.

On safety and security, the budget has proposed introduction of advance technology for rail-flaw detection to check causes of accidents, a significant amount of Rs. 1,785 crore has been earmarked for building road-over and road-under bridges. The budget proposes that a pilot project will be launched on automatic door closing in mainline and sub-urban coaches.

In order to make women safer while travelling, the Railway will recruit 4000 women constables. Coaches for ladies will be escorted.

IT initiatives get a big boost in the Budget. Revamping Railway Reservation System into Next Generation e-Ticketing will be taken up with provision of platform tickets and unreserved tickets also over internet.

The Railway has proposed real-time tracking of trains and rolling stocks, mobile based Wakeup Call System for passengers, mobile based destination arrival alert and Wi-fi Services in A-1 and A category stations and in select trains. Indian Railways has also planned paper-less offices in 5 years

In order to make Railway management more efficient, Budget has proposed setting up of Railway University for training in both technical and non-technical subjects besides establishing Innovations and Incubation Centre to harness the ideas generated from staff.

In a bid to modernise Indian Railway network, Bullet train has been proposed on Mumbai-Ahmedabad sector besides increasing speed of trains to 160-200

Kashmir Inc unimpressed

MUKEET AKMALI

Srinagar, July 9: The Kashmir-based business community has expressed disappointment over the railway budget presented today in the Parliament.

President, Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Sheikh Ashiq said: "There is nothing to welcome in the railway budget. Not a single demand of Kashmiri tourism traders has been incorporated in the budget."

"For years we have been demanding rail coach factory in Kashmir. Had it been demanded by any other state in India, the railway ministry won't have said no," he said.

"Even the Chief Minister had urged the centre to commission a coach factory in the state like that of in Punjab," he stressed.

He said: "The KCCI was at least expecting that the budget will announce some new rails to Jammu to help boost industrial and tourism sectors in the state, but that too has not happened."

Pertinently, Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah had last year demanded setting up of a rail coach factory in Jammu & Kashmir, which would provide much-needed help in overcoming industrial backwardness and economic shortcomings in the state.

President, Kashmir Hotels and Restaurant Association, Showkat Chowdhary alleged that government of India has always adopted "dual policy" towards Jammu and Kashmir. "While all the benefits are doled out to other parts of the country, Kashmir is neglected."

"Look to the present railway budget, our demand to increase frequency of trains from others states to Jammu, has again been ignored," he said.

Chowdhary said that tourism players have been urging the central leadership to start special trains to the state for boosting the tourism sector. "However, so far nothing has been done in this regard."

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The Railway has also planned setting up of Diamond Quadrilateral Network of High Speed Rail connecting major metros and growth centres of the country.

Identified stations will be developed to international standards with modern facilities on lines of newly developed airports through PPP mode.

Railway has also proposed harnessing solar energy by utilising roof top spaces of stations, railway buildings and land.



JK IN RAIL BUDGET

New Delhi, July 8: Presenting the railway budget on Tuesday, union railway minister Sadananda Gowda said that one ticket service will now enable people, mainly pilgrims, to reach Srinagar on a single ticket as special bus service will connect Udhampur-Banihal track by bus service and Banihal-Kashmir via railway.

"We have decided to bridge the gap of Udhampur and Banihal by bus service through a single ticket system," said Gowda while presenting the budget. The move will help pilgrims to reach both to the shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi and Amarnath without hassle.

There was a cumbersome halt at Udhampur for pilgrims where they had to look for fresh conveyance to reach Srinagar.

The ambitious project of completing the 326-km long Katra-Banihal rail link is still under process in the state.

Besides, an additional train for 119-km Banihal-Baramulla railway track, the frequency of train trips from Banihal to Budgam, adjacent to Srinagar, has been increased from four to eight.

This too will benefit pilgrims heading for the Amarnath yatra in south Kashmir's Pahalgam area, 90 km away from Srinagar.

"Both one-ticket system and increased frequency of trains will help pilgrims to reach Pahalgam (in south Kashmir) without major hassles. Otherwise, a pilgrim had to halt in Jammu and look for additional bus services to reach Banihal," said Ravi Kumar (38), who is on a sightseeing trip in Srinagar after paying obeisance at the Amarnath cave shrine recently..

Modi hails Rail Budget as futuristic

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New Delhi, July 8: Hailing the Rail Budget as "futuristic and growth-oriented", Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said it is for the common people as it aspires for better service, speed and safety with focus on development of the country. (Rail Budget: Highlights)

He said the Rail Budget presented in Parliament by Railway Minister Sadananda Gowda shows where his government wants to take India through the railways as it focusses on strengthening institutional mechanism, transparency and integrity.

"Congratulations to the Railway Minister for presenting a futuristic & growth oriented budget. It is a budget for the common people," Modi tweeted.

He said the Rail Budget

"aspires for better service, speed and safety. It is an effort to create a modern Railways contributing towards a developed India."

In a series of tweets, Modi said, "Rail Budget shows the important role of Railways in India's development journey."

He said the Budget keeps in mind the development of India.

"This Budget shows where we want to take the railways and at the same time where we want to take India through the railways," Modi said, adding, "We can see the great use of technology also."

Hailing the Railway Budget, Parliamentary Affairs Minister M Venkaiah Naidu said it is "realistic and comprehensive" as honest analysis had been made about the state of affairs and health of Indian railways.

"The way forward has been clearly outlined in the Budget.

PDP welcomes increase in train frequency

Srinagar, July 8: Acknowledging the increase in the frequency of train service between Banihal and Budgam, Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Tuesday said it would bring much needed relief to the commuters.

In a statement the party president, Mehbooba Mufti said, the frequency however needs to be increased on Badgam-Baramulla line also to ease pressure in North Kashmir, as well.

She said it is encouraging that Railway Ministry has responded to this long felt need which was brought to the notice of railway minister, D V Sadananda Gowda, last month, by her and her colleagues, in the Lok Sabha, Muzaffar Hussain Baig and Tariq Hameed Karra.

Mehbooba said the party has taken up other issues related to the expansion of railways in Jammu & Kashmir, in the areas like Poonch-Rajouri, Kupwara

and Chenab Valley, as well, as the need for completing the Katra-Banihal construction of railway line on priority.

The PDP chief, who represents South Kashmir in the Lok Sabha, said the projects will be pursued with zeal in the parliament and with the railway ministry to upgrade transportation in the state which is faced with such communication hurdles as could be removed only through railways.



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04.08.2014 (Monday)	MTMH-201	Tourism Geography
08.08.2011(Monday)	MTMH-202	Airline Ticketing
11.08.2014 (Monday)	MTMH-203	Tourism Marketing
14.08.2014 (Thursday)	MTMH-205	Accounting & Finance Management
18.08.2014 (Monday)	MTMH-204	Organizational & Consumer Behaviour
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Subject: Special summary revision of Electoral Rolls with reference to 1st October, 2014 as the qualifying date-Training of Booth Level Officers (BLOs)-regarding

NOTICE

The Election Commission of India has ordered for special summary revision of Electoral Rolls, 2014 before conduct of General Election to J&K Legislative Assembly, the Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, Srinagar has also issued the calendar / orientation programme for all the Booth Level Officer,(BLOs) which is hereby notified / published for the information of all BLOs of eight Assembly segments of district Srinagar. They are advised to attend the said training programme strictly as per the following schedule:-

NO.& Name of AC	Total No. of PS	No. of BLOs involved in batch	No of Batches	Date of training	Time of training	Venue of training
18-Hazratbal	123	From PS 1 to 30	1	09.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	Tehsildar Office, Hazratbal
		From PS 31 to 60	1	10.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	Tehsildar Office, Hazratbal
		From PS 61 to 90	1	11.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	Tehsildar Office, Hazratbal
19-Zadibal	99	From PS 91 to 123	1	12.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	Tehsildar Office, Hazratbal
		From PS 1 to 30	1	09.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	Meeting Hall of Dy.Commissioner Srinagar
		From PS 31 to 60	1	10.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	Meeting Hall of Dy.Commissioner Srinagar
20-Eidgah	83	From PS 61 to 99	1	11.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	Meeting Hall of Dy. Commissioner Srinagar
		From PS 1 to 30	1	09.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	Tehsil Office, DC Office Complex, Sgr
		From PS 31 to 60	1	10.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	Tehsil Office, DC Office Complex, Sgr
21-Khanyar	86	From PS 61 to 83	1	11.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	Tehsil Office, DC Office Complex, Sgr
		From PS 1 to 30	1	09.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	Meeting Hall of Dy.Commissioner Srinagar
		From PS 31 to 60	1	10.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	Meeting Hall of Dy.Commissioner Srinagar
22-Habbakadal	61	From PS 61 to 86	1	11.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	Meeting Hall of Dy.Commissioner Srinagar
		From PS 1 to 30	1	09.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	NIT Hall at SMC, HQ Srinagar
		From PS 31 to 61	1	10.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	NIT Hall at SMC, HQ Srinagar.
23-Amirakadal	106	From PS 1 to 35	1	09.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	NIT Hall at SMC, HQ Srinagar
		From PS 36 to 70	1	10.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	NIT Hall at SMC, HQ Srinagar.
		From PS 71 to 106	1	11.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	NIT Hall at SMC, HQ Srinagar
24-Sonawar	91	From PS 1 to 30	1	09.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	Corporate Hall of SMC, HQ Srinagar
		From PS 31 to 60	1	10.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	Corporate Hall of SMC, HQ Srinagar
		From PS 61 to 91	1	11.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	Corporate Hall of SMC, HQ Srinagar
25-Batamalloo	155	From PS 1 to 30	1	09.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	Corporate Hall of SMC, HQ Srinagar
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		From PS 61 to 90	1	11.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	Corporate Hall of SMC, HQ Srinagar
		From PS 91 to 120	1	12.07.2014	10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m	Corporate Hall of SMC, HQ Srinagar
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