

Train	Itinerary
Golden Chariot	Itinerary 1: Bengaluru - Mysore - Hassan - Hospet - Badami -Goa - Bengaluru. Itinerary 2: Bengaluru - Chennai - Pondicherry- Thanjavur -Madurai - Trivandrum - Alleppey - Ernakulam - Bengaluru
Maharajas' Express	Itinerary 1: Delhi - Agra - Sawai Madhopur - Jaipur - Bikaner -Jodhpur - Udaipur - Mumbai. Itinerary 2: Mumbai - Bhusawal - Udaipur - Jodhpur - Bikaner - Jaipur - Sawai Madhopur - Fatehpur Sikri - Agra - Delhi. Itinerary 3: Delhi - Jaipur - Sawai Madhopur- Fatehpur Sikri -Agra - Gwalior - Khajuraho - Varanasi - Lucknow - Delhi. Itinerary 4: Delhi - Agra - Sawai Madhopur - Jaipur- Delhi
Mahaparinirvan Express	Delhi - Gaya (Gaya, Bodhgaya, Nalanda & Rajgir)- Varanasi (Varanasi & Sarnath) - Gorakhpur (Gorakhpur, Kushinagar & Lumbini) - Gonda (Sravasti) - Agra - Delhi
Steam Express	Delhi - Rewari - Alwar - Rewari - Delhi
Bharat Darshan	Itineraries planned and operated by IRCTC based on demand, popularity and operational feasibility.
Pilgrim Special	Itineraries planned and operated by IRCTC based on demand, popularity and operational feasibility on pilgrim circuits like Devi circuit, Jyotirling circuit, Jain circuit, Christian circuit, Muslim / Sufi circuit, Sikh circuit, Buddhist circuit, Famous temple circuit etc and other circuits, as announced in Railway Budget 2014-15.

Thrust areas for development of Railways

3130.SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified certain thrust areas in the railway sector for development during the Twelfth Five Year Plan, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the progress achieved therein during the first two years of the Plan;

(c) the growth rate of Railways during the Tenth and Eleventh Five Year Plan periods;

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to achieve the desired target growth rate during the Twelfth Five Year Plan period; and

(e) whether Government is considering to set year-wise target for growth rate instead of Plan period, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) The Twelfth Plan aims at faster, more inclusive and sustainable growth. The thrust areas identified are new and faster capacity addition including Dedicated Freight Corridors, Port Connectivity projects and improved productivity of the existing network and assets to increase transportation output for meeting the expanding requirements of the economy.

(b) The progress achieved during the first two years of the Twelfth Plan are given below:-

Item	2012-13	2013-14
Freight Traffic Loading		
Originating Tonnage (Million Tonnes)	1008	1053
NTKM (Billion)	692	652
Passenger Traffic		
Passenger Originating (Million)	8421	8425.6
Passenger Kilometers Originating (Billion)	1098	1110
Creation of Fixed Assets		
New Line (km)	501	450
Gauge Conversion (km)	605	404
Doubling (km)	705	708
Railway Electrification (km)	1317	1350
Rolling Stock Acquisition		
Coaches	4023	3887
Locomotives	678	687
Wagons	16894	9326

(c) The growth rate of Railways during the Tenth and Eleventh Five Year Plan are given below:-

Item	10th Plan Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) (%)	11th Plan Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) (%)
Freight Traffic Loading (Terminal Year)		
Originating Tonnage (Million Tonnes)	8.14	5.8
NTKM (Billion)	7.35	6.1
Passenger Traffic (Terminal Year)		
Passenger Originating (Million)	4.21	5.5
Passenger Kilometers Originating (Billion)	6.96	8.8

(d) The steps being taken to sustain growth and for efficient handling of freight traffic include proliferation of heavier and longer trains, decongestion measures for routes and terminals and creation of capacity. For passenger traffic, action includes enhancing capacity and speeds of trains, running of double decker trains and terminal improvement works. Measures to improve safety and technological upgradation are also an ongoing activity.

(e) Based on the overall Plan period targets, yearly targets of traffic output, infrastructure creation, asset renewals etc. are set.

Train reservation quota for freedom fighters

†3131. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the freedom fighters have to face hardships in getting railway reservations, despite the facility of free travel in trains given to them;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to provide them special facility or quota for reservation in trains;

(c) whether Government proposes to consider their requests for reservation in trains on priority basis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.