

The main highlights of the 2010-11 railway budget include:

- No increase in passenger fares
- Rs.100 reduction in freight per wagon for fertilisers and kerosene
- Free travel for cancer patients in 3rd AC classes
- Cost-sharing in public-private-partnership (PPP) mode in some gauge-conversion projects
- Further extension of Kolkata Metro on priority basis; stations to be named after Bahadur Shah Zafar, Tagore family
- Karmabhoomi trains to be introduced for migrant labour
- New Janmabhoomi train between Ahmedabad and Udhampur
- Special "Bharat Teertha" train to be run around India to commemorate Rabindranath Tagore's 150th birth anniversary
- Railway line to be extended from Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh to Leh in Jammu and Kashmir
- Andaman and Nicobar Islands to get railway line from Port Blair to Diglipur
- Sikkim capital Gangtok to be connected by rail from Rangpo
- 2011 being 150th anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, special train to be run from West Bengal to Bangladesh
- Gross earnings in 2009-10 estimated at Rs.88,281 crore
- Working expenditure in 2009-10 estimated at Rs.83,440 crore
- Expenses during 2010-11 estimated at Rs.87,100 crore
- Thrust on expansion in 2010-11 with allocation of Rs.4,411 crore

- Kashmir rail link to be extended to Sopore in the north of the valley
- Net profit of Rs.1,328 crore in 2009-10
- 10 automobile ancillary hubs to be created
- Twenty-two million energy saving CFLs for lighting distributed already
- Policy decision to employ one member of family whose land is requisitioned for railway projects
- North-south, east-west dedicated freight corridors to be created
- Construction of high-speed passenger rail corridors envisaged
- More multi-functional hospitals to be set up
- Educational facilities to be set up for children of 80,000 women families
- Special facilities to be established for gangmen
- Insurance facilities for licensed porters as part of railway's corporate social responsibility
- Centre for railway research to be established with Indian Institutes of Technology and Defence Research and Development Organisation
- Will involve unions in policy making
- Integral Coach Factory Chennai to be further modernised
- New wagon repair shop in Mumbai
- Design, development and testing centre for railway wheels at Bangalore
- Within five years, all unmanned level crossings to be manned

- Construction of more underpasses, besides road overbridges
- Greater coordination with state governments to protect railway property
- Security of women passengers to be improved
- Ex-servicemen to be employed in Railway Protection Force
- Five sports academies to be set up
- Astroturf to be provided for development of hockey
- Employment opportunities for sports persons
- Railways to be lead partner for Commonwealth Games
- Special drive to increase passenger amenities
- Upgrade of 94 stations
- Six new drinking water bottling plants in PPP mode
- Modern toilets at railway stations
- More ticketing centres to help the public
- Acquisition of cutting edge safety technology
- 1,000 route km to be created
- Special task force for clearing investment proposals in 100 days
- New business model to be created
- No privatisation of railways

- But greater participation of private sector
- 117 of 120 new trains for current fiscal to be flagged off