

Indian Railways' Financial Position is Strong, Providing More Subsidy to Passengers : Railway Minister



NEW DELHI: Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting, Electronics & IT, Ashwini Vaishnaw, highlighted the achievements and future plans of Indian Railways during a discussion in the Rajya Sabha on Monday. He stated that Indian Railways is providing safe and high-quality services to passengers at affordable fares while securing a lead-

are charged only 73 paise, meaning a subsidy of 47% is provided. In the financial year 2022-23, passengers received a subsidy of Rs57,000 crore, which increased to approximately Rs60,000 crore in 2023-24 (provisional figures). He emphasised that the goal is to provide safe and improved services at minimal fares. Highlighting the benefits of Railway electrification, the Minister noted that despite an increase in the number of passengers and cargo, energy expenses have remained stable. Indian Railways aims to achieve Scope 1 net zero emissions by 2025 and Scope 2 net zero emissions by 2030. This non-fossil energy-based goal will completely offset the Railway's carbon emissions. The Railway Minister also announced that locomotives manufactured at the Madhepura factory in Bihar will soon be exported. Indian Railways is exporting passen-

ger coaches to Mozambique, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, while locomotives are being exported to Mozambique, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Bangladesh. Additionally, bogie underframes are being exported to the United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, France and Australia, while propulsion parts are being sent to France, Mexico, Germany, Spain, Romania and Italy. This year, India produced 1,400 locomotives, surpassing the combined production of the U.S. and Europe. Additionally, 200,000 new wagons have been added to

the fleet. The Railway Minister stated that in FY 2024-25, Indian Railways will transport 1.6 billion tons of cargo, making it one of the world's top three freight carriers, alongside China and the U.S. This underscores the increasing capacity of Indian Railways and its crucial role

in the logistics sector. During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's third term, all ICF coaches will be replaced with LHB coaches. He further stated that 41,000 LHB coaches have been manufactured with a strong focus on railway safety.

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India hosts Quad Workshop on pandemic preparedness for Indo-Pacific nations

NEW DELHI : India, under its presidency of the Quad, is hosting the "Quad Workshop on Pandemic Preparedness for the Indo-Pacific Region" from March 17-19, 2025.



The workshop is a key outcome of the 6th Quad Leaders' Summit held in September 2024 and aims to strengthen regional health security through collaboration on governance, surveillance, and emergency response mechanisms. Senior health officials, technical experts, and policymakers from Quad nations-India, and the United States, Japan, and Australia--are participating in the event, along with over 25 delegates from 15 Indo-Pacific countries, including Cambodia, Fiji, Indonesia, Kenya, Kiribati, Madagascar, Maldives, Mozambique, Palau, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, Tonga, and Tuvalu. Representatives from international health organisations are also in attendance. Highlighting the significance of the initiative, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal posted on X: "The Quad- Continuing to serve as a force for good in the region. India is hosting the Quad Workshop on Pandemic Preparedness from 17-19 March 2025. The Workshop brings together Quad partners Australia, Japan and the US, & delegates from 15 countries of the Indo-Pacific to strengthen pandemic responses, enhance resilience, & implement the One Health approach for a safer, healthier Indo-Pacific."

Minister of State for Health, Anupriya Patel, inaugurated the workshop. The event also featured insights from Principal Scientific Advisor Ajay Kumar Sood, Secretary (Health) Punya Saliba Srivastava, Additional Secretary, MOH&FW V. Hekali Zhimomi, and Additional Secretary (Americas), MEA Nagaraj Naidu Kakkaru.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as BIBI CHHALO KHATUN D/o MD. CHHELLO and W/o MD. SALAMAT, R/o-Mirzapur, Ward No.-08, Near Purani Masjid P.O.- Pawai, P.S.- Korha, District-Katihar, State-Bihar-854104, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as BIBI HALIMAN KHATUN. Affidavit No. 1388, date-21.01.2025

AFFIDAVIT

I, MIKKE DEVI, W/O No. 14655980A HAV SATISH KUMAR Unit 312 F/W/C c/o 99APO(7017EMEBN) My name Mikke Devi is wrongly recorded in my husband's service record. True name Mikky Kumari. Affidavit No.2429, Dt.12.03.2025.

Affidavit

I Bhagwati Prasad Singh, permanent resident of Village Banjhu Dera Nandan Post Haryana Farm Tehsil Dumraon District Buxar. My name in my Aadhar card number 6411 9171 2779 is Bhagwati Prasad Singh. Whereas in the service book of my son Sanjay Kumar, Army No. JC-405671F is recorded as Bhagwati Singh which is wrong. Under affidavit number 16449/2024, my name is Bhagwati Prasad Singh. Which is correct and true.

Name Change

I, MOHAMMAD TAJ AFZAL S/O MOHAMMAD TURAB AHMAD R/o Panchatiya Akhara, PO-H.O. Gaya, P.S.-Kotwall, Dist.-Gaya declare vide affidavit no.12959 dated 11.03.25 that my old name is MD TAJ AFZAL Now I have changed my name from MD TAJ AFZAL to MOHAMMAD TAJ AFZAL. And I will be known as Mohammad Taj Afzal in future for all purposes.

The workshop serves as a platform for participating countries to share experiences in pandemic preparedness, with a focus on governance frameworks, surveillance strategies, and technological innovation in public health, an official press release by the MEA reported. Panel discussions will address critical areas such as strengthening global health frameworks, enhancing preparedness and resilience, ensuring coordinated pandemic responses, and implementing the One Health approach. Delegates will also discuss key aspects like risk communication, community engagement, disease surveillance, and capacity building. The workshop includes practical sessions where participants will engage in group exercises and simulations of pandemic scenarios, including Avian Influenza, Mpox, and Ebola. These exercises will help refine response strategies and improve cross-border coordination. Delegates will gain firsthand experience of India's public health infrastructure through field visits to the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) and the National Centre for Vector-Borne Disease Control. These visits will provide insights into India's advanced surveillance systems and emergency response mechanisms, the press release stated. The Quad Workshop on Pandemic Preparedness marks a significant milestone in regional health collaboration, reinforcing efforts to build a more resilient and coordinated.

"Calculated move to appease vote bank...": BJP slams Karnataka govt over "unconstitutional" 4% minority quota

NEW DELHI : The Bharatiya Janata Party came out heavily against the Congress-led Karnataka government over its decision to grant four per cent reservation for minority contractors in tenders, and termed the move "unconstitutional" aimed to send a message to the party's "vote bank". Surya, the BJP MP from Bengaluru South constituency, alleged that the Siddaramaiah government has done this in a "very calculated move" at the behest of Congress party top leadership. "Reservations solely based on religion are unconstitutional and is not permitted. Despite being fully aware of this legal position the Siddaramaiah government in its vote bank has indulged in this constitutional adventure. This is being done at the behest and patronage of the topmost leadership of Congress party, particularly Rahul Gandhi", Tejasvi Surya said in a press conference on Monday. Attacking Congress further, he took a jibe comparing Rahul Gandhi's remarks during the Bharat Jodo Yatra with former PM Manmohan Singh's earlier remarks regarding minorities. "Before the commencement of the Lok Sabha election campaign, Rahul Gandhi went about the whole country and spoke the same strain of thought that earlier PM Manmohan Singh had spoken about the minorities of the country having an exclusive and first right on the counter resources," Tejasvi Surya added. The BJP leader further questioned whether this is the brand of secularism and Constitution for Congress where benefits of minorities are taken away for minorities. He asserted that the BJP will raise this issue.

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POSESSION NOTICE(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) (As per Appendix IV read with rule 81(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002) Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Axis Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower/guarantor/s to repay the amount mentioned in the notice along with contractual rate of interest plus penal interest, charges, costs etc. within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

Table with columns: Name & Address of Borrower / Guarantor, Amount Due as of Notice date, Date of Demand Notice, Date of Possession, Description of the Immovable Property (Secured Assets), Collateral security SCHEDULE-A

EASTERN RAILWAY

E-AUCTION NOTICE Dated : 13.03.2025 Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Malda, Malda Town office, P.O.-Jhaljhalia, Dist.- Malda, Pin-732102 (West Bengal), (Auction Conducting Officer) has published e-auction catalogue on www.ireps.gov.in for awarding contracts of Catering (Tea) Stall at different Railway stations over Malda Division. Auction Catalogue No.: Catg-MLDT-03; Auction Start : Date: 28.03.2025 Time : at 11:00 hours; Seq. No.; Lot No./Category & Location are as follows : AA/1; Catg-MLDT-BELT-GMU-74-23-1; Provision of Catering Unit for 5 years on PF No. 1, Near Booking Office at Bela Railway Station under GMU/Anyone. AA/2; Catg-MLDT-TLJ-GMU-100-23-1. Provision of Catering Unit for 5 years on PF No. 1, Near Entrance gate and Station Building (Fruit Stall) at Taljhari Railway Station under GMU/Women. AA/3; Catg-MLDT-MRHA-GMU-81-23-1; Provision of Catering Unit for 5 years on PF No. 2 at Murahara Railway Station under GMU/Anyone. AA/4; Catg-MLDT-AHA-GMU-114-25-1; Provision of Catering Services for 5 years on PF no. 1 near Commercial Supervisors Room towards JMP end at Abhaipur Railway Station for Unreserved/Anyone. AA/5; Catg-MLDT-NILE-GMU-112-25-1; Provision of Catering Services for a period of 5 years on PF no. 1 near store at Nimitta Railway Station reserved for GMU/Anyone. AA/6; Catg-MLDT-MZC-GMU-121-25-1; Provision of Catering services on PF no. 1 near FOB HWH end towards 200 mt at Mirzacheuki Station for 05 years. AA/7; Catg-MLDT-MRHA-GMU-19-22-1; Provision of Catering Service for the period of 05 years at PF No. 01, Near Booking office at MURAHARA Railway Station. AA/8; Catg-MLDT-AKN-GMU-79-23-1; Provision of Catering Unit for 5 years on PF No. 2/3, under Cover Shades at Akbarnagar Railway Station under GMU/Women. AA/9; Catg-MLDT-RJL-GMU-1-22-1; Provision of Catering Stall on PF No. 1 Near Entrance of Booking Center at Rajmahal Railway Station for a period of 5 years under GMU/Women. AA/10; Catg-MLDT-KTJ-GMU-68-22-1; Provision of Catering Stall at Khatlipur Railway Station for 5 years on PF no. 2, 20 m from FOB towards NFK end for GMU/Female. AA/11; Catg-MLDT-NNHT-GMU-64-24-4; Provision of Catering Service for the period of 05 years on PF No. 01, Near Booking Office at NONIHAT HALT Railway Station For General Minor/Any User Freedom Fighter, War Widows, widows of Railway Employees. AA/12; Catg-MLDT-KPRD-GMU-12-22-1; Provision of Catering Service for the period of 05 years at PF No. 01 Near FOB at KALYANPUR ROAD Railway Station under GMU/Anyone. AA/13; Catg-MLDT-GGA-GMU-116-25-1; Provision of Catering Services for a period of 5 year on PF no. 01 nearby Pay & Use toilets at Ghogha (GGA) Railway Station for GMU/Anyone. AB/1; Catg-MLDT-KTJ-SMU-67-24-1; Provision of Catering Stall at Khatipur Railway Station for 5 Years on PF no. 2, 20m from FOB towards MLDT end. GMU/Anyone. AB/2; Catg-MLDT-JDPT-SMU-85-24-1; Provision of Catering Unit for 5 years on PF No. 1, Near Booking Office at Jagdishpur Railway Station, GMU/Anyone. AB/3; Catg-MLDT-MLDT-SMU-104-23-1; Provision of Catering Unit for 5 years on PF No. 4/5, between pillar no. 02 & 03 at Malda Town Railway Station, Other Backward Classes (OBC)/Anyone. AB/4; Catg-MLDT-PNSA-SMU-57-24-1; Provision of Catering Service for the period of 05 years at PF No. 01, Near Booking Office at PUNSI HALT Railway Station under GMU/Anyone. AB/5; Catg-MLDT-BGP-SMU-109-25-1; Provision of Catering services for a period of 05 years on PF no. 1 besides ladies 1st class waiting hall at Bhagalpur Railway Station reserved for SMU/Minority/Women. AB/6; Catg-MLDT-PPT-SMU-73-24-2; Provision of Catering Unit for 5 years on PF No. 1, Near SS Office at Pirpainti Railway Station under SMU/SC/Women. AB/7; Catg-MLDT-SLJ-SMU-24-1; Provision of Catering Service for the period of 05 years at PF No. 01, Near 2nd Class Waiting Hall at SAKRIGALI Railway Station under GMU/Anyone. Prospective bidders are requested to visit IREPS e-Auction module for further details. (MLD-251/2024-25) Tender Notices are also available at Website www.e.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at @EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter

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Table with columns: क्र. (Sl. No.), कार्य का नाम (Work Name), प्रकृत/वर्गीकृत राशि (प्र. रा.) (Original/Classified Amount), अग्रिम की राशि (रु. में) (Balance Due in Rs.), पूर्णतः विवरण का अनु. (रु. में) (Actual Details in Rs.), कार्य समाप्ति की तारीख (कार्य) (Work Completion Date)

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