

Glossary of Terms

<i>Terms</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>17-Zones of Indian Railways</i>	<i>Central Railway (CR), Eastern Railway (ER), East Central Railway (ECR), East Coast Railway (ECoR), Northern Railway (NR), North Central Railway (NCR), North Eastern Railway (NER), Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR/NEFR), North Western Railway (NWR), Southern Railway (SR), South Central Railway (SCR), South Eastern Railway (SER), Southeast Central Railway (SECR), South Western Railway (SWR), Western Railway (WR), West Central Railway (WCR) & Metro Railway, Kolkata (MR)</i>
<i>8-Railway Production Units</i>	<i>Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW), Chittaranjan; Diesel Locomotive Works (DLW), Varanasi; Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai; Rail Coach Factory (RCF), Kapurthala; Rail Wheel Factory (RWF), Yelahanka; Rail Wheel Plant (RWP), Bela; Diesel Loco Modernisation Works (DMW), Patiala, Rail Coach Factory (RCF), Raebareilly;</i>
<i>Average lead</i>	<i>Average haul of a passenger or a tonne of freight</i>
<i>Branch lines</i>	<i>Broad Gauge and Metre Gauge lines joined to the main lines at one end only and all metre gauge lines</i>
<i>Broad Gauge</i>	<i>It is a rail gauge (1,676 mm) commonly used in India of movement of rail traffic</i>
<i>Capital-at-charge</i>	<i>The capital-at-charge represents the Central Government's investment in Railways by way of loan capital and value of the assets thus created.</i>
<i>Compound Annual Growth Rate</i>	<i>Rate of growth over a period of years, taking into account the effect of annual compounding.</i>
<i>Demand Recoverable</i>	<i>Unrealized earnings recoverable on account of rent/lease of land and buildings, interest and maintenance charges of sidings etc.</i>
<i>Dividend</i>	<i>Under the 'Separation Convention' Indian Railways (IR) is required to pay dividend to the general revenues on the capital advanced by the Government of India (GoI) at a rate determined periodically by Railway Convention Committee (RCC).</i>
<i>Extra Budgetary Resources</i>	<i>Resources of IR other than general budget support and internally generated resources</i>
<i>Gross Domestic Product</i>	<i>The total market value of all final goods and services produced in a country in a given year,</i>
<i>Gross Traffic Receipts</i>	<i>Receipts of railways through its operations</i>

Meter Gauge	<i>It is a rail gauge (1,000 mm) still used in some parts of India of movement of rail traffic</i>
Minor Heads	<i>Classification structure to record receipts and expenditure of the government</i>
Narrow Gauge	<i>It is a rail gauge (762 or 610 mm) still used in some parts of India of movement of rail traffic</i>
National Projects	<i>Projects of national importance being executed through additional budgetary support from GoI.</i>
Net Tonne Kilometre (NTKM)	<i>Unit of measure of freight traffic which represent the transport of one tonne goods (including the weight of any packing, but excluding the weight of the vehicle used for transport) over a distance of one kilometre</i>
New lines	<i>Construction/laying of new railway links/lines not existed earlier</i>
Operating Ratio	<i>The ratio of working expenses (excluding suspense but including appropriation to Depreciation Reserve Fund and Pension Fund) to gross earnings.</i>
Ordinary Working Expenses	<i>Expenditure on administration, operation, maintenance and repairs, contribution to Depreciation Reserve Fund and Pension Fund</i>
Plan Expenditure	<i>Expenditure incurred for creation, acquisition, construction and replacement of assets</i>
Revenue Expenditure	<i>Expenditure incurred for day to day operations, maintenance of railways including dividend payment</i>
Strategic lines	<i>Railway lines of strategic importance constructed at the request of Defence</i>
Traffic Suspense	<i>Unrealised operational earnings of the railways</i>
Un-economic Branch Lines	<i>Branch lines where revenue generated is less than the operational cost</i>
Works Budget	<i>Estimates prepared for construction, acquisition and replacement of assets</i>
Route Kilometre	<i>The distance between two points on the railways irrespective of the number of lines connecting them, viz single line, double line etc.</i>
Total Working Expenditure	<i>Ordinary working expenditure and appropriation to Depreciation Reserve Fund and Pension Fund</i>
Staff Productivity	<i>It is measured in terms of volume of traffic handled (in terms of NTKM) per thousand employees.</i>
Capital Output Ratio	<i>The amount of capital employed to produce one unit of output (Total Traffic in NTKMs)</i>
Net Surplus	<i>Difference between the gross earnings and the working expenses after the payment of dividend to general revenues</i>

<i>Other Coaching Earnings</i>	<i>Earnings from transportation of parcels, luggage and post office mail and catering etc.,</i>
<i>Passenger Earnings</i>	<i>Earnings from carrying passengers on rail</i>
<i>Freight Earnings</i>	<i>Earnings from carrying goods on rail</i>
<i>PAC</i>	<i>Public Accounts Committee</i>
<i>RDSO</i>	<i>Research, Designs & Standard Organization</i>
<i>RITES</i>	<i>Rail India Technical and Economic Services</i>
<i>RSP</i>	<i>Rolling Stock Programme</i>