

# Railway Budget 2005-06

## HIGHLIGHTS

- No increase in passenger fares.
- No across-the-board increase in freight rates.
- No increase in parcel rates.
- Earnings grow by a record 8.3 per cent — up to December 2004.
- About 1,400 km of broad gauge lines likely to be added this fiscal.
- Plan outlay: Rs. 15,349 crores.
- Railway Land Development Authority planned.

## PROPOSALS

- 46 new trains to be introduced in 2005-06.
- Extension of 27 trains.
- Increase in frequency of 10 trains.
- Booking of tickets from landline phones soon.
- 75 per cent concession in second class fares to government, rural school students once a year for study tour.
- 75 per cent concession in second class to girls from rural areas appearing for exams such as medical and engineering.
- 50 per cent concession in second class to farmers and milk producers travelling for training.
- Full concession in second class to unemployed youth appearing for interviews for government jobs.

