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Rail Budget 2010 : Not Based on Reality

The Railway Budget 2010-11 placed by Mamata Banerjee, the Railway Minister is ambitious one and not based on reality.

No hike in passenger fare and freight charges are welcome steps.

Almost all the new schemes including new service, survey and line will take years together because all these schemes requires sanctions from Planning Commission.

It is contradictory that saying no privatisation of Railways while inviting private companies to invest and allowing them running goods train. The more PPP way of investments will eventually lead to large scale privatisation of Indian Railways.

The amount earmarked for safety and security are meagre. Instead of focusing on passenger amniotes, the Railway Minister has focused more on non-core areas such as sports complex, Day-case Cenbe, Bottling Plants etc.

The All India Forward Bloc welcomes the announcement of new trains, new lines, new survey projects. But the party is very sceptical about the time-bound implementation of all these ambitious projects.



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