

Transport



Rail and Road under Five Year Plans

Part B - Railways

Transport and Five Year Plans

- ❖ Indian planners gave high priority to the development of transport
- ❖ The allocation for on the transport sector was quite high during the first three plans viz between 25 to 28 percent
- ❖ The allocations in the next successive plans on the transport sector declined gradually

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- ❖ The eighth plan outlay, for instance was only 13 percent of the total outlay
- ❖ But the lower allocation in the last three plans does not mean that the transport sector had been fully developed
- ❖ There is the resource crunch on the one side and there is increasing importance given to energy and industrial sectors, on the other

Railways

- ❖ The Indian railway system is the second largest system in the world under the single management
- ❖ Railways virtually forms the life-line of the country
- ❖ It caters the needs for large scale movement of traffic, both freight and passenger

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- ❖ Railways thereby contributing to economic growth as well as promoting national integration
- ❖ It is a multi – gauge system operating on three gauges –
 1. The broad,
 2. The meter and
 3. The narrow

Railway Development Under the Five Year Plans

- ❖ The main objective in the planning in railways in the past was to expand railway traffic
- ❖ But also to avoid bottlenecks in the production process and
- ❖ To ensure an efficient rail transport system

Railway Development Under the Five Year Plans

- ❖ Each Plan had a special objective,
- ❖ *First Plan*- Rehabilitation and replacement of over aged assets;
- ❖ *Second Plan*- particular emphasis to prepare the Railways for carrying the traffic generated by the new steel plants;

Railway Development Under the Five Year Plans

- ❖ *Third Plan* - Building up additional capacity so as to be ahead of the traffic demand and to prevent bottlenecks;
- ❖ *Fourth to Seventh Plan* - Modernisation of the system to improve efficiency of operations; and
- ❖ High priority to the development of freight terminals to facilitate the free and smooth movements of wagons

Railway Development Under the Five Year Plans

- ❖ *Eight and Ninth Plans*- The main thrust was on capacity generation, man power planning and energy conservation, safety and customer satisfaction through reliable and better quality of services
- ❖ *Tenth Plan*- This Plan was aimed at capacity expansion through modernisation and technological up gradation of the railway system, improvement in quality of service and rationalising of tariff and improvement in safety

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