

# STUDY TOUR TO CHINESE RAILWAY

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特等客运站 - 北京站夜景

The night view of Beijing Railway Station

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- **OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY TEAM:**

**TO STUDY CR'S SYSTEMS AND PROBLEMS IN  
JUXTAPOSITION TO IR'S ,TO FIND OUT :**

**THE AREAS OF SIMILARITIES;**

**THE AREAS OF CONTRASTS;**

**AND**

**WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE AND WORTHWHILE  
FOR IR TO BRIDGE THE GAPS IN THE AREAS OF  
CONTRASTS BY USING CR'S ACHIEVEMENTS AS  
BENCHMARKS.**

# SALIENT FEATURES

|                    | Chinese Rly                | Indian Rly           |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Gauge</b>       | <b>Standard</b><br>1435 mm | <b>BG</b><br>1676 mm |
| <b>Route km</b>    | <b>73002</b>               | <b>63221</b>         |
| <b>National</b>    | <b>60446</b>               |                      |
| <b>Local /JV</b>   | <b>12556</b>               |                      |
| <b>Electrified</b> | <b>18060 (30%)</b>         | <b>16960 (26.8%)</b> |
| <b>Double line</b> | <b>24650 (40.8%)</b>       | <b>16281 (25.7%)</b> |

**ALL DATA IS OF 2003-2004**

# ASSET COMPARISON

|                    | Chinese | Indian |
|--------------------|---------|--------|
| No. of locomotives | 16320   | 7817   |
| Diesel loco        | 11335   | 4769   |
| Electric           | 4622    | 3003   |
| Steam              | Nil     | 45     |
| No. of Wagons      | 510327  | 228170 |
| No. of Coaches     | 40487   | 35772  |

High reliability of assets, lack of speed restrictions and very few failures, continuous technology upgradation, very high standards of maintenance were reported by the field staff as well as by the higher management during our interaction.

# TRAFFIC – 2003-04

|                         | Chinese | Indian |
|-------------------------|---------|--------|
| Freight (Million tonne) | 2212    | 557    |
| Net Billion tonne kms   | 1724    | 381    |
| Passenger (Million)     | 973     | 5112   |
| PKMs(Billion kms)       | 478     | 541    |
| Productivity            | 1452    | 686    |
| NTKM + PKM per employee |         |        |

INTENSIVE USE OF ASSETS ON MAINLINE AND  
DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDORS WAS REMARKABLE



# REFORM OBJECTIVES

## CR & IR

Increase capacity for both freight & passengers

Improve efficiency of transport operations by reducing unit costs of train operation

Compete effectively with other modes especially in passenger and multi-modal businesses

Generate internal financial resources to build a world class railway system.



**HOWEVER, CR'S PLAN DISTINGUISHES ITSELF WITH LONG TERM MISSION AS WELL AS DYNAMIC RESPONSE TO CHANGING NEEDS OF RAIL USERS.**

**For instance, CR has devised 6 Step Speed Raising Measures for raising speed from 110 to 160/200 Kmph**

**Change of rails and sleepers**

**Provision of Safety fencing, Overpasses**

**Refurbished Signaling Equipments**

**High speed Locos**

**Total Usage of High Speed lines 16000 Kms**

# MAJOR RAILWAY REFORMS UNDERWAY IN CR

Treat CR as a separate financial entity and allow it to retain all profits for use as employee bonus and investments after paying income tax

Set up Diversified Economy Program – DECOs set up to provide employment to surplus staff. Great success, absorbed over 400,000 employees.

**HIGH LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY BY  
REDPLOYMENT OF SURPLUS LABOUR.**

# MAJOR RAILWAY REFORMS -CR

Ministry structure streamlined (1998), departments reduced from 23 to 16, staff reduced significantly

All operational activities --infrastructure, rolling stock, train operation etc. consolidated under Transportation Department

BETTER CONTROL AND COORDINATION OF RAIL OPERATION AT 18 LOCATIONS.

# MAJOR RAILWAY REFORMS –C.R

Separation of non core activities (1998-2004)

In 2000 Transferred to State Large Scale Enterprise Working Committee, major activities- railway engineering, civil construction, telecom and signal construction, rolling stock manufacture (LORIC North and LORIC South).

In 2004 container, special goods transport, postal and luggage services set up as companies

# MAJOR RAILWAY REFORMS -CR

In 2005, a flat organisation introduced

44 sub-administrations abolished and number of RAs increased from 14 to 18.

Using available IT and communication facilities, train control offices and operational management consolidated at RA head offices

Most of the 60,000 employees at sub-administrations are surplus and need redeployment as offices and control centers have been closed

# MAJOR RAILWAY REFORMS -CR

Steps towards separation of passenger and freight businesses

Passenger business separated on accounting basis and responsible for profitability

Pays for common services utilized

# TARIFF REFORM-CR

Construction surcharge @ 30% used for railway construction only

Customers pay higher fare for more comfort and speed of passenger trains. Product mix changing

Pass fares raised substantially to cover costs. Increase of fares in busy seasons by 20%.

Freight tariff increase in 1990-2003 @ 4.7% per year that is less than 5.6% increase CPI

# CHINESE RAILWAY PLAN

2005-2020



# **“FORWARD-LEAPING DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OF C.R 2005-2020 PLAN”**

- **High Speed Passenger Trains.**
- **HEAVY AND LONG HAUL Freight Trains.**
- **High performance rolling stock.**
- **Double stack container operation on 16000 Route km.**

# **“FORWARD-LEAPING DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OF C.R 2005-2020 PLAN”**

**RAISING TRACK, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
SIGNALS TECHNOLOGY TO THE LEVEL OF  
ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS .**

**REALISING ‘INFORMALISATION’ OF THE C.R.**

**SEPARATION OF ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT  
FROM ADMINISTRATION; SEPARATION OF CORE  
BUSINESS FROM NON CORE SECTORS.**

**TURN RAIL TRANSPORT INTO A MAJOR PLAYER  
OF MODERN COMPREHENSIVE  
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

# CR'S SPECIFIC GOALS-2005-20

## Rapid expansion of Railway Network

- Total length of network : 100000 km
- Passenger dedicated lines : 10000 km
- Mixed high speed line : 20000 km
- Inter city passenger lines : 2000 km
- Electrification : 32000 km
- Doubling : 25000 km

## Development of Rly network in Western Region

- International corridor construction
- SPEED OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION IN CR IS HIGHLY IMPRESSIVE.

# EFFICIENT PROJECT MANAGEMENT

## SOME MILESTONES

900 Kms Nanning-Kunming line completed in 9<sup>th</sup> Plan

10.5 Kms long double track bridge constructed in 3 years

18.5 Kms long Qinling tunnel had driving speed of 528 m/month by TBM

1142 Kms Golmund-Lhasa line started in June 2001 is nearing completion. Difficulties of permafrost, inadequate oxygen, extreme cold and delicate ecosystem

# WHERE AND WHITHER IR – CAN IT CATCH UP WITH CR?

## CONCLUSIONS:

IR CURRENTLY IS NOT IN THE SAME LEAGUE AS CR, BECAUSE----

. CR EXPANDING VERY FAST-“FORWARD LEAPING”

. GOING IN FOR THE BEST TECHNOLOGY

. NO APPARENT CONSTRAINT OF FUNDS

. NO CONFLICT OF OBJECTIVES BETWEEN  
AND LABOUR.

MANAGEMENT

. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND EXTENSIVE  
MECHANISATION HAVE BEEN ADOPTED AS THE TOOL TO  
IMPROVE EFFICIENCY.

# **BUT.....IR IS ALSO REFORMING**

**IR'S FINANCIAL HEALTH HAS BEEN RESTORED TO NORMALCY AFTER REACHING NEAR BANKRUPTCY STATE.**

**IR'S INTERNAL GENERATION OF REVENUE HAS RISEN STEADILY DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS.**

**IR'S EXPERIMENTS IN SETTING UP CONCOR AND IRCTC ON COMMERCIAL LINES HAVE BEEN GREAT SUCCESS.**

**MODERNISATION PLANS IN THE AREAS OF TRACK, TRACTION, SIGNALLING AND TELECOM HAVE TAKEN OFF WITHOUT MUCH EXTERNAL AID.**

**ACCOUNTING REFORMS ARE UNDERWAY WITH ADB'S ASSISTANCE TO SEGREGATE SECTORWISE COST AND PROFIT/LOSS DETAILS.**

**IR'S MANPOWER PLANNING IS LESS DRASTIC AND LESS PAINFULL -HENCE MAY PROVE MORE FRUITFUL IN THE LONGTERM**

# IR ALSO HAS PLANS FOR....

Preparing a long term Railway Development Plan to meet growing demand arising from accelerating economic growth

Improving service quality

Reducing unit costs of transport

Improving asset reliability through higher maintenance standards

Increasing use of IT in Railway Management

Upgrading technology in rolling stock, track, signaling and operational management

Hiving off non core activities

IN THE END WE WOULD LIKE TO PLACE ON RECORD OUR SINCERE THANKS TO CR AND WB FOR GIVING US THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GET A CLOSE VIEW OF CR SYSTEM AND LEARN A FEW VALUABLE LESSONS FROM A FAST GROWING SYSTEM AS CR.

THANK YOU

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**TRACK MAINTENANCE  
&  
CONSTRUCTION  
ON  
CHINA RAILWAYS**

# TRACK ON CR

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Total Track Kms      | 130709 |
| Standard Gauge       | 129610 |
| Main Operating Lines | 86850  |

## Speed Potential

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| Passenger | 160-200 Kmph |
| Goods     | 80 Kmph      |
| Container | 120 Kmph     |

# Track Standards

|                                    |                            |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Rails</b>                       | <b>75, 65, 60, 45 Kg/m</b> |
| <b>UTS</b>                         | <b>800-980 Mpa</b>         |
| <b>UTS Head Hardened</b>           | <b>1230 Mpa</b>            |
| <b>CWR Length</b>                  | <b>200-300 Kms</b>         |
| <b>Sleepers PSC (no./ Km)</b>      | <b>1667-1840</b>           |
| <b>Ballast (in cm)</b>             | <b>35-45</b>               |
| <b>Ruling Gradient</b>             |                            |
| <b>Heavy Haul line</b>             | <b>1 in 250</b>            |
| <b>High speed line &gt;160kmph</b> | <b>1 in 80</b>             |

# Track Standards & Maintenance

High speed & heavy haul routes are World Class conforming to international quality standards.

Asset Reliability is very high, almost  
**NO FAILURES**

Fully Mechanised Maintenance-

Track Laying

Tamping

Rail Grinding

Rail Flaw Detection

Track Inspection

# CONSTRUCTION STATISTICS

|   | New Lines | Doubling |
|---|-----------|----------|
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Plan<br>1990-1995               | 6800      | 5100     |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Plan<br>1996-2000               | 5660      | 4270     |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Plan<br>2001-2005<br>(planned) | 6000      | 3000     |