



P.K. SAXENA
General Manager



SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

General Manager's

66th Republic Day Message -2015

Dear members of the Railway Fraternity,

On this auspicious occasion of the 66th Republic Day, I wish all the Railway employees, their families and our valued customers a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Indian Railways is indeed proud to be the partner in the Nation's progress and has been contributing immensely to the socio-economic development. South Western Railway on its part continues to play a significant role towards sustained growth of this region.

I am happy to intimate that SWR has been marching ahead in various fields. The performance during the nine months of the current financial year has been encouraging for both passenger and freight traffic. The number of passengers carried up to the end of December 2014 in the current financial year is **146 millions** registering an increase of **1%**. The originating passenger earnings up to December 2014, has at the same time increased by **19%** to **₹ 1352 Crs.**

In spite of the ban on Iron Ore export by the Govt. of Karnataka and restrictions on mining, SWR has carried **27.63 Million Tonnes** of freight during the first nine months of current financial year registering an increase of **7%**. The freight earnings up to December 2014, has increased to **₹ 2401 Crs.**, which is **12%** more than the previous year's earnings. We have also generated an operating surplus of **₹ 344 Crs.** so far.

SWR accords highest priority to the safety, security, punctuality, improved services to passengers and infrastructure development to meet future needs. SWR has been able to eliminate **45** unmanned level crossings by various means predominantly by construction of subways. The pace will be maintained.

We are using Information Technology in a big way for ultimate convenience of passengers by installing Audio Video Enquiry Terminals, Digital display boards, Coach locating guiding system, SMS based redressal of complaints, e-ticketing, Booking of tickets through SMS etc.

For easy availability of tickets, Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) has been extended to cover **249** Stations and reserved tickets can now be obtained from **158** locations. In addition to this, **49** Nos. of Jansadharan Ticket Booking Sevak (JTBS) have been appointed to issue Unreserved Tickets to traveling passengers.

We are continuously strengthening the security apparatus at stations and also in trains to ensure safe travel. Escorting of trains, security surveillance and weeding out unauthorized persons from railway premises constitute the key elements in our security scheme. Adequate number of **RPF/GRP** personnel have been deployed on escort duty in **91** trains on identified vulnerable sections to keep a watch on all compartments with special emphasis to take care of ladies compartment. Closed circuit cameras at **11** major stations have been installed i.e. three divisional headquarters, Yesvantpur and seven stations on Hubli division. Integrated Security System (ISS) is being implemented for enhancing effectiveness at Bangalore, Yesvantpur and Mysore stations.

In response to Hon'ble Prime Minister's Swachh Bharat Mission, a special cleanliness drive was launched on 02nd October 2014 all over the SWR at various stations, railway colonies, work places, etc., and the initiatives will be continued on sustained basis.

Out of **18** new trains announced in the last years Railway Budget, **11** new trains have been introduced so far. Apart from this, increase in frequency of **02** pairs of trains has also been implemented.

To meet the demand of the rail users and to clear the extra rush of passengers, **3503** Special Trains trips were run and **3103** extra coaches attached to regular trains during April 2014 to December 2014. SWR's punctuality performance up to December 2014 is at **97%** which is matching with the target set by Railway Board.

'Customer' continues to be the prime focus in all our activities. It is our earnest resolve to make the services passenger friendly and their journey comfortable. We are taking initiative to induct echo friendly bio toilets, arrangement of quality linen through state of the art mechanized laundries, mechanized cleaning of stations and coaches etc.,

To enhance passenger facilities, comforts, ambiance and aesthetics, **22** stations have been modernized as "Adarsh stations" until now. Works are under progress to develop Adarsh Stations at **4** more locations. An amount of **₹ 19.81** Crs. has been spent for systematic improvement of various Passenger amenities. At Hubli station the subway connecting platform No. 1 to 2&3 has been extended to platform Nos. 4&5. The finishing works are in final stages.

A special thrust is being given to improve infrastructure and line capacity on various sections of South Western Railway. I am happy to inform you that during the current financial year up to December 2014, **19 km** stretch pertaining to Ramanagaram-Mysore **Doubling** (91.5 km) have been commissioned for passenger traffic on 02nd July 2014. **11 km** stretch of Birur-Shivani doubling and **10 km** length of Shivani-Hosadurga doubling have been completed as targeted and these two block sections shall be commissioned by March 2015. Another **10 km** in Ramanagaram-Mysore doubling project has been completed and engine rolling done during December 2014. **10 km** stretch of Hosadurga-Chikjajur doubling project has also been completed as targeted. Further, **16 km** stretch of **New Railway line** between B.G. Nagar-Yedyiyur section, a part of Hassan-Bangalore (166 km.) has been completed on 30th November 2014.

The most valuable asset of SWR is its dedicated and vibrant work force. We are responsive to their needs and every effort is being made towards their well being. Several staff welfare activities are being pursued under the Staff Benefit Fund.

SWR Women's Welfare Organization's (SWRWWO) welfare oriented social activities are highly laudable. I also appreciate the Cultural Association of South Western Railway "Chilbil" for their commendable role in promoting art and culture in this region. I would like to acknowledge the selfless service being rendered by the SWR's Civil Defense and Scouts & Guides Units in times of need. On the sports front, Sports persons of our Railway are performing extremely well during the current year by bringing laurels to SWR in different disciplines at the All India Railway Championships.

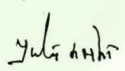
The positive support of the recognized trade unions and other associations of SWR have also contributed in our achievements. I thank them for their active involvement in maintaining harmonious industrial relations and high morale amongst the work force.

I take this opportunity to compliment the officers, supervisors and staff for the hard work put in by them for achieving our objectives. Let us work together as a team to improve our performances.

I wish you all and your families peace and prosperity in the days ahead and success in all your endeavors.

Hubli
26th January, 2015.

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(P.K. SAXENA)
General Manager

Important Events - 2014-15



Smt. Neelima Saxena, President, SWR Women's Welfare Organization seen distributing Gifts to an inpatient of Railway Central Hospital, Hubli on the occasion of Independence Day celebrations of SWRWWO held on 15-08-2014. Other Executive members of SWRWWO are also seen.



Shri P.K. Saxena, GM/SWR seen inspecting the RPF Parade on the occasion of RPF Raising Day held at Railway Sports Ground, Hubli on 29-09-2014. Shri R.P. Pawar, Dy.CSC/SWR looks on.



Shri D.V. Sadananda Gowda, Former MR seen presenting a prestigious MR's Civil Engineering (Construction) Efficiency Shield bagged jointly by South Western Railway and Northeast Frontier Railway for 2013-14, receiving by Shri P.K. Saxena, GM/SWR & GM/NFR at the 59th National Awards Presentation Ceremony held at Bangalore on 10-10-2014.



Shri D.V. Sadananda Gowda, Former MR seen flagging off Sukhamangalam Yatri Special and Inauguration of Wi-Fi at Bangalore Railway Station on 25-10-2014. Shri Ananth Kumar, Union Minister of Chemicals & Fertilisers and other dignitaries are also seen.



Shri D.V. Sadananda Gowda, Former MR seen flagging off 3 pairs of trains viz., between Yesvantpur-Nelamangala-Yesvantpur, Yesvantpur-Hosur-Yesvantpur & Bangalore City -Tumkur-Bangalore City at a function held at Yesvantpur Rly. station on 01-11-2014. Shri Ananth Kumar, Union Minister of Chemicals & Fertilisers & other dignitaries are seen.



Shri P.K. Saxena, GM/SWR seen welcoming by presenting a bouquet to Smt. Bijoya Chakravarty, Chairperson of Parliamentary Committee on Empowerment of Women at a meeting held at Bangalore on 13-11-2014.



Shri P.K. Saxena, GM/SWR seen addressing at the Mahapariniwan Diwas of Bharath Ratna Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar held at Railway Officers' Club(ROC), Hubli on 08-12-2014. Shri K. Harikrishnan, CPO/SWR looks on.



Shri P.K. Saxena, GM/SWR seen inspecting the way side station as part of Annual Inspection of Bangalore-Tumkur section of Bangalore Division held on 15-12-2014. DRM/SBC and others are seen.



Shri P.K. Saxena, GM/SWR seen inspecting Nittur Railway station as part of Annual Inspection of Tumkur-Arsikere section of Mysore Division held on 15-12-2014. DRM/MYS and others are seen.



P.K. Saxena, GM/SWR seen releasing New Year Calenders & Diaries of SWR at a function held at GM's Office Conference Hall, Hubli on 01-01-2015. Other Senior Officials are also seen.



Shri P.K. Saxena, Patron, SWRSA & GM/SWR, seen presenting Railway Board's cash award of Rs. 2,71,250/- to Shri Sajan Prakash, outstanding swimmer of SWR who participated in National & International Swimming events & won Medals, at the Felicitation function of Sports Persons of SWR, held at GM's Conference hall, Hubli on 02-01-2015.



Shri P.K. Saxena, Patron, SWRSA & GM/SWR seen patting the SWR's Hockey Team on 21-01-2015 for winning "A" Division Runners Up Hockey League Championship Trophy conducted by Karnataka State Hockey Association held at Bangalore on 11-01-2015.