

Railway Board

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The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has approved **restructuring of Railway Board** and appointed Vinod Kumar Yadav as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Board. Yadav is currently the chairman of Railway Board.

Reforms in the Railway Board

- In December, the union cabinet had approved **organizational restructuring of the 114-year-old Railway Board by its strength from eight to five**, including the chairperson, as part of reforms initiated by the national transporter.
- It allowed the **Railway Board to be headed by a Chairman who will be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**. There will be **four other members, who will be in charge of infrastructure, rolling stock, finance and operations and business development**.
- Three apex level posts – member (staff), member (engineering) and member (materials management) in the Railway Board have been surrendered and the **post of member (rolling stock) – have been utilised for creation of the post of director general (HR)** in apex grade.
- The Cabinet had also allowed **existing services to be merged into a single central service called the Indian Railway Management Service**. Unification of services was recommended by various committees for reforming Railways, including the Bibek Debroy committee in 2015.
- Railway Board will no longer be organised on departmental lines, and replaced with **leaner structure organised on functional lines**.

Organization Structure of the Revised Railway Board:

- Railway Minister
- Minister of State for Railways

- Railway Board Chairman and CEO
- Under the Railway Board Chairman, there will be

. Railway Board member-operations and business development:

Commercial, non-fare revenue, tourism and catering, marketing and business development.

. Railway Board member-infrastructure:

Civil engineering, bridges, signal and telecom, land and amenities.

. Railway Board member-finance:

Accounts, finance, budget, revenue.

. Railway Board member-traction and rolling stock:

Mechanical workshops, locomotives, coaches, traction distribution, electrical maintenance of coaching stock.