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**Ram Naik's reaction on Railway Budget**

**Mumbai, Wednesday:** "Though there is no fare hike Mumbaites are hesitant to welcome the budget. As it is silent about the MUTP I and II which have been lingering since last six years; commuters fear that their woes would not be redressed," said Shri Ram Naik, former Minister of State for Railways (Independent Charge) while reacting to the Railway Budget.

"We are not content with 101 new trains as they are not sufficient to meet the escalating number of commuters; particularly when important projects are trapped in red - tappism. I wonder why the Railway Minister has not informed the house as to whether new trains will be of nine coaches or of twelve. There is no comment even as to when existing nine coach trains would be converted into 12 coaches. However, I am happy as atleast railway ministry has adopted Vajpayee Government's ideal scheme of offering insurance cover to unorganized workers viz. porters, vendors, etc," said Shri Naik at the end.

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