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Railway Budget disappoints Mumbai commuters : RAM NAIK

Mumbai, Wednesday: We did not expect new announcements from vote on account budget but neither we expected poor performance and misleading statements about past performance”, said Shri Ram Naik, former Minister of State for Railways (Independent Charge) while giving his reaction on the Railway Budget.

Shri Naik further commented that during last five years Dr Manmohan Singh’s cabinet had six Railway Ministers. This instability was reflecting in the Railway Budget when the Railway Minister Shri Mallikarjun Khadge reviewed past performance. “Congress government always gives step-motherly treatment to Mumbai suburban commuters. The Railway Minister totally ignored Mumbaiites this time. He did not utter a single line on Mumbai Suburban Railways which daily carries 76 lakh commuters. While reviewing previous projects Railway Minister’s silence on why AC local could not run this year, why out of 50 only two escalators could start, what is the status of the proposed Public-Private Partnership Project of elevated railway lines annoyed Mumbai commuters.”

Shri Ram Naik said at the end, “Mumbai Suburban commuters would certainly express their anguish in ensuing Lok Sabha elections by defeating Congress.”

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