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Totally disappointing Railway Budget: Ram Naik

Mumbai, Tuesday: "Railway Minister Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal has presented totally disappointing Railway Budget. Like his predecessors even Shri Bansal has given step-motherly treatment to Mumbai Suburban Commuters. Only Rae Bareli must be rejoicing over yet another new project", said Shri Ram Naik, former Minister of State for Railways (Independent Charge) while commenting on the Railway Budget.

"The Railway Minister has hiked fares by back doors. He has reversed the nation's progress by transferring responsibility of projects like foot over bridges to the State Government", criticized Shri Naik. "Mumbai suburban commuters were awaiting new proposals to redress their woes. Leave aside new proposal but the Railway Minister has rubbed salt on their wounds by not announcing commencement of Churchgate-Dahanu direct services though everything is ready since last two years", added Shri Naik.

He recollected that the last Railway Budget promised 50 escalators in a year but not even single one is ready. Similarly the promise of 75 new services is not fulfilled. "It is now difficult for Mumbaites to trust the Railway Minister's promise of additional 72 services in this year", said Shri Naik.

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