

# Acronyms for Indian Railways

| <b>Miscellaneous acronyms</b> |  |
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| <b>AC</b>                     | Air-Conditioned  |
| <b>ACC</b>                    | Air-Conditioned coach or class   |
| <b>ACCC</b>                   | Air-Conditioned Chair Car  |
| <b>ACP</b>                    | Alarm Chain Pulling (!)  |
| <b>ADE, ADEN</b>              | Assistant Divisional Engineer  |
| <b>ADEE</b>                   | Assistant Divisional Electrical Engineer   |
| <b>ADME</b>                   | Assistant Divisional Mechanical Engineer   |
| <b>AE, AEN</b>                | Assistant Engineer (see also Technical terms above)  |
| <b>AEC</b>                    | Accident Enquiry Committee   |
| <b>ALK</b>                    | Allowance in Lieu of Kilometrage (in calculating payments for drivers)   |
| <b>ARMV</b>                   | Accident Relief Medical Van  |
| <b>ART</b>                    | Accident Relief Train  |
| <b>ARTS</b>                   | Advanced Railway Ticketing System  |
| <b>ASM</b>                    | Assistant Station Master   |
| <b>AW</b>                     | Auxiliary Watering (in working timetables)   |
| <b>AWS</b>                    | Auxiliary Warning System   |
| <b>BESA</b>                   | British Engineering Standards Association  |
| <b>BG</b>                     | Broad Gauge  |
| <b>BIO-TOIL</b>               | 'Biological Toilet' - eco-friendly toilet with bacterial decomposition facility developed by ICF for use on railway coaches. |
| <b>B/L</b>                    | Branch Line  |
| <b>BOLT</b>                   | Build-Own-Lease-Transfer: private ownership/operation scheme for various freight & passenger services and infrastructure.    |
| <b>BPS</b>                    | Blue Parcel Service  |
| <b>CA&amp;FO</b>              | Chief Accounting and Finance Officer   |
| <b>CARS</b>                   | Central Accounting and Reporting System (consolidated reports of ARTS ticketing during the day)                              |
| <b>CBO</b>                    | City Booking Office  |
| <b>CC</b>                     | Chair Car  |
| <b>CCS</b>                    | Chief Commercial Superintendent  |
| <b>CCTV</b>                   | Closed-Circuit TV  |
| <b>CEE</b>                    | Chief Electrical Engineer  |
| <b>CFTS</b>                   | Chief Freight Traffic Superintendent   |
| <b>CFS</b>                    | Container Freight Station  |
| <b>CHA</b>                    | Custom House Agent   |
| <b>CME</b>                    | Chief Mechanical Engineer  |

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| <b>COIS</b>      | Coaching Operations Information System   |
| <b>Conc.</b>     | Concessional fare (annotation on ticket)   |
| <b>CARTRAC</b>   | (not really an acronym) CONCOR's automobile transport service                              |
| <b>CONCERT</b>   | COuntrywide Network of Computerised Enhanced Reservation and Ticketing                     |
| <b>CONTRACK</b>  | (not really an acronym) CONCOR's container freight service                                 |
| <b>COW</b>       | Career On Wheels: informal classrooms for teaching English, etc., on board trains          |
| <b>CRS</b>       | Chief Reservations Supervisor, Computerised Reservation System Commissioner of Rail Safety |
| <b>CT</b>        | Control Tower  |
| <b>CTI</b>       | Central Training Institute   |
| <b>CTR</b>       | Combined Train Report  |
| <b>CTU</b>       | Centralized Training Unit  |
| <b>CVM</b>       | Coupon Validating Machine (for ticketing with prepaid coupons)                             |
| <b>C&amp;W</b>   | Carriage & Wagon (staff for plumbing, electricals, amenities)                              |
| <b>CW</b>        | Carriage Watering facilities (in working timetables)                                       |
| <b>DAL</b>       | Delhi Avoiding Line, a route for goods trains to avoid the central New Delhi area.         |
| <b>DCT</b>       | Domestic Container Terminal (as opposed to the ones equipped for international freight)    |
| <b>DEE</b>       | Divisional Electrical Engineer (Sr. DEE = Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer)           |
| <b>DF</b>        | Development Fund   |
| <b>DFC</b>       | Dedicated Freight Corridor   |
| <b>DF</b>        | Defence quota  |
| <b>DME</b>       | Divisional Mechanical Engineer   |
| <b>DP</b>        | Duty Pass  |
| <b>DRF</b>       | Depreciation Reserve Fund  |
| <b>DRM</b>       | Divisional Railway Manager   |
| <b>DRUCC</b>     | Divisional (or District) Rail Users Consultative Committee                                 |
| <b>DSC</b>       | Dual-stacked (or double-stacked) containers  |
| <b>E/A</b>       | Extra time Allowed (slack in train's schedule for a section)                               |
| <b>EC or ECC</b> | Executive Chair Car  |
| <b>ECR</b>       | Empty Coaching Rake  |
| <b>EFC</b>       | Eastern Freight Corridor   |
| <b>EQ</b>        | Emergency Quota  |
| <b>ESCAP</b>     | Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific                                    |
| <b>ESM</b>       | Electronic Signal Maintainer   |
| <b>ETA</b>       | Estimated Time of Arrival  |
| <b>EY</b>        | Empty rake (on train monitoring systems)   |
| <b>F</b>         | Forward journey (in train number annotations)  |
| <b>FC</b>        | First Class, also Financial Commissioner, also Freight Corridor                            |
| <b>FEDL</b>      | Fully Electrified Double Line  |
| <b>FOB</b>       | Foot Overbridge (a pedestrian overpass); Fuel Oil Balance                                  |
| <b>FOIS</b>      | Freight Operation Information System   |
| <b>FRED</b>      | Flashing Rear End Device (a warning lamp at the rear of a train)                           |

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| <b>FT</b>      | Foreign Tourist (annotation on reservation charts)  |
| <b>G</b>       | Goods   |
| <b>GAL</b>     | Goods Avoiding Line   |
| <b>GIT</b>     | Goods Intermodal Transshipment (e.g., "GIT yard")   |
| <b>GM</b>      | General Manager   |
| <b>GR</b>      | General Rules (railway regulations and operating procedures)  |
| <b>GRP</b>     | Government Railway Police   |
| <b>GSA</b>     | General Sales Agent (for bookings and Indrail passes sold abroad)   |
| <b>GTKM</b>    | Gross Tonne KM  |
| <b>HDR</b>     | High-Density Route  |
| <b>HDN</b>     | High-Density Network ('Golden quadrilateral' and others)  |
| <b>HO</b>      | Head Office (a type of quota for tickets)   |
| <b>HP</b>      | Handicapped Persons quota   |
| <b>HSRL</b>    | High Speed Rail Line (or Link)  |
| <b>IBP</b>     | Intermediate Block Post   |
| <b>IC</b>      | Inspection Carriage (Saloon)  |
| <b>ICD</b>     | Inland Container Depot  |
| <b>ICTT</b>    | International Container Transshipment Terminal  |
| <b>I-ASK</b>   | Inter-Active Status Kiosk (to check reservation / train status)   |
| <b>IMPRESS</b> | Integrated Multi-train Passenger REservation System   |
| <b>IOH</b>     | Intermediate Overhaul   |
| <b>IOW</b>     | Inspector of Works  |
| <b>IRMP</b>    | Integrated Railway Modernization Plan   |
| <b>IRP</b>     | Indrail Pass  |
| <b>IRS</b>     | Indian Railway Standard (pre-Independence railway standards body)   |
| <b>IRVS</b>    | Interactive Voice Response System   |
| <b>JOH</b>     | Junction of Head - point where the tongue rail approaches the main rail in a switch                               |
| <b>JUSBRL</b>  | Jammu Udhampur Srinagar Baramulla Rail Link (Kashmir Valley railway project)                                      |
| <b>LB</b>      | Lower Berth (annotation on ticket for sleeping accommodation)   |
| <b>LC</b>      | Level Crossing  |
| <b>LHF</b>     | Long Hood Forward   |
| <b>LHL</b>     | Long Hood Leading   |
| <b>LI</b>      | Loco Inspector  |
| <b>L/L</b>     | Local Line  |
| <b>LQ</b>      | Ladies Quota  |
| <b>LRT</b>     | Light Rail Transit  |
| <b>LV</b>      | Last Vehicle  |
| <b>MB</b>      | Middle Berth (annotation on ticket for sleeping accommodation)  |
| <b>MCO</b>     | Military Control Office (coordinates ticketing and accommodation for military personnel at some railway stations) |
| <b>M/E</b>     | Mail/Express (on tickets)   |

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| <b>MG</b>      | Meter Gauge, also Motor Generator  |
| <b>MGC</b>     | Mekong Ganga Cooperation group, an association of India and south-east Asian countries, which among other things aim to build a rail link from India to Vietnam. |
| <b>M/L</b>     | Main Line  |
| <b>MOW</b>     | Maintenance of Way   |
| <b>MRT</b>     | Medical Relief Train (self-propelled medical van for accidents)  |
| <b>MRTC</b>    | Mobile Radio Train Communication   |
| <b>MSL</b>     | Mean Sea Level   |
| <b>MTP</b>     | Metropolitan Transport Project (body studying Calcutta's transit problems in the 1960's)   |
| <b>NETRA</b>   | Network of Electrification -- Testing and Recording Apparatus  |
| <b>NG</b>      | Narrow Gauge   |
| <b>NLT</b>     | Not Losing Time  |
| <b>NMG</b>     | New Maruti Goods / New Modified Goods (wagons)   |
| <b>NOSTRAC</b> | North-South Transport Corridor (proposed Central Asia - Iran - India link)   |
| <b>NP</b>      | Non-pooled (referring to freight stock)  |
| <b>NR</b>      | 'Not Received' (referring to freight consignments delayed or missing in transit)   |
| <b>NRC</b>     | Non-railway Customer (any customer other than the zonal railways, for the products of CLW, DLW, etc.)  |
| <b>NTES</b>    | National Train Enquiry System (phone-based train/reservation status)   |
| <b>NTKM</b>    | Net Tonne-Kilometer  |
| <b>NV</b>      | Non-Vegetarian (meal or restaurant)  |
| <b>NVOCC</b>   | Non-Vehicle Owning/Operating Common Carrier  |
| <b>OA</b>      | Out-Agency   |
| <b>OCV</b>     | Other Coaching Vehicle   |
| <b>OIGS</b>    | On India Government Service (for mail, etc.)   |
| <b>Ordy.</b>   | Ordinary = Stopping passenger (on tickets)   |
| <b>OSD</b>     | Officer on Special Duty  |
| <b>OYWS</b>    | Own Your Wagon Scheme  |
| <b>PAR</b>     | Parcel Service (in indicating kinds of bookings available at ticket agency)  |
| <b>PCV</b>     | Passenger Coaching Vehicle   |
| <b>PF</b>      | Platform (sometimes P/F)   |
| <b>PH</b>      | Parliamentary Quota  |
| <b>PNR</b>     | Passenger Name Record (Passenger Numeric Record?) (identifying number for ticket)  |
| <b>POH</b>     | Periodic Overhaul  |
| <b>POL</b>     | Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricants (designation for oil cargo)   |
| <b>PQ</b>      | Pooled Quota   |
| <b>PQWL</b>    | Pooled Quota Waiting List  |
| <b>PRS</b>     | Passenger Reservation System   |
| <b>PS</b>      | Passenger Service (in indicating kinds of bookings available at ticket agency)   |
| <b>PSCT</b>    | Port-side Container Terminal   |
| <b>PU</b>      | Production Unit  |

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| <b>PWI</b>            | Permanent Way Inspector   |
| <b>R</b>              | Return journey (in train number annotations)  |
| <b>RA</b>             | Running Allowance (in calculating drivers' pay)   |
| <b>RAC</b>            | Reservation Against Cancellation  |
| <b>RCC</b>            | Railway Convention Committee (also see above)   |
| <b>R Fee, Res Fee</b> | Reservation fee (annotation on ticket)  |
| <b>RJQ</b>            | Return Journey Quota  |
| <b>RLWL</b>           | Running Line Waiting List   |
| <b>RMS</b>            | Railway Mail Service  |
| <b>ROB</b>            | Road Over-bridge (i.e., road goes over train tracks)  |
| <b>ROH</b>            | Routine Overhaul  |
| <b>RO-RO (RORO)</b>   | Roll-on, roll-off service (auto transport)  |
| <b>ROW</b>            | Right of Way  |
| <b>RPF</b>            | Railway Pension Fund (also see above, organizations)  |
| <b>RR</b>             | Railway Receipt, Refreshment Room   |
| <b>RRF</b>            | Railway Reserve Fund  |
| <b>RTR</b>            | Ready-to-Run (modelling kits)   |
| <b>RTSA</b>           | Rail Travellers' Service Agents   |
| <b>RUB</b>            | Road Under-bridge (i.e., road goes under train tracks)  |
| <b>SATIS</b>          | Station Area Traffic Improvement Scheme   |
| <b>S Ch, SF Ch</b>    | Superfast Charges (annotation on ticket)  |
| <b>SCRA</b>           | Special Class Railway Apprentice  |
| <b>SEB</b>            | State Electricity Board (any of the state bodies supplying electricity to IR)   |
| <b>Sh. CC</b>         | Shatabdi Chair Car  |
| <b>SHF</b>            | Short Hood Forward  |
| <b>SHL</b>            | Short Hood Leading  |
| <b>SIL</b>            | Safety Integrity Level - statistical measure of reliability of a safety system such as an interlocking system         |
| <b>SLB</b>            | Side Lower Berth (annotation on ticket for sleeping accommodation)  |
| <b>SM</b>             | Station Master  |
| <b>SPART</b>          | Self-Propelled Accident Relief Train - 3-coach accident relief rakes with two diesel power packs                      |
| <b>SPURT</b>          | Self-Propelled Ultrasonic Rail Testing cars   |
| <b>SR</b>             | Subsidiary Rules (for railway operation, see GR)  |
| <b>SRUCC</b>          | Suburban Rail Users Consultative Committee (for Mumbai suburban services)   |
| <b>SS</b>             | Station Superintendent; Substation (electrification)  |
| <b>SSD</b>            | Spring Setting Device - spring-loaded mechanism on some switches to ensure proper alignment of tongue and stock rails |
| <b>SSE</b>            | Senior Section Engineer   |
| <b>S&amp;T</b>        | Signalling & Telecommunications   |

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| <b>STA</b>          | Suburban Traffic Avoiding line : the fifth line between Borivali and Bandra Marshalling Yard, and between Mahim Junction and Mumbai Central in the Mumbai system. |
| <b>SUB</b>          | Side Upper Berth (annotation on ticket for sleeping accommodation)  |
| <b>TAAG</b>         | Trains At A Glance (a timetable publication)  |
| <b>TAR</b>          | Trans-Asian Railway (another proposed grand pan-Asian route)  |
| <b>TBO</b>          | Town Booking Office   |
| <b>TC</b>           | Trailer Car (unpowered car in EMU rake), Ticket Checker / Ticket Collector  |
| <b>TCF</b>          | Train Coming From (condition of block instrument)   |
| <b>TDR</b>          | Ticket Deposit Receipt (when surrendering ticket for cancellation / refund)   |
| <b>TEU</b>          | Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit (for measuring container traffic; a standard 40-foot container is 2 TEUs)   |
| <b>TGT</b>          | Train Going To (condition of block instrument)  |
| <b>TMS</b>          | Train Management System   |
| <b>TRS</b>          | Traction Rolling Stock  |
| <b>TS</b>           | Train Superintendent  |
| <b>TT</b>           | Timetable   |
| <b>TTE</b>          | Travelling Ticket Examiner  |
| <b>TQ</b>           | Tatkal Quota  |
| <b>TXR</b>          | Train Examiner, the officer who issues the BPC and VCC (Train Inspector)  |
| <b>UB</b>           | Upper Berth (annotation on ticket for sleeping accommodation)   |
| <b>UEC</b>          | Universal Emergency Communication (a system of on-board communication in some trains)   |
| <b>V</b>            | Vegetarian (meal or restaurant)   |
| <b>V Ch, Vou Ch</b> | Voucher charges (annotation on ticket)  |
| <b>VG</b>           | Vegetarian (meal or restaurant), also Vehicle Guidance (the record of identifying numbers for coaches/wagons that make up a train)                                |
| <b>VLRR</b>         | Vegetarian Light Refreshment Room   |
| <b>VT</b>           | Victoria Terminus (now Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus)  |
| <b>WFC</b>          | Western Freight Corridor  |
| <b>WL, W/L</b>      | Waiting List; Wait-Listed (ticket issued without confirmed accommodations)<br>(Also as a sign: Whistle on approach to Level crossing!)                            |
| <b>WM</b>           | Works Manager   |
| <b>W/T</b>          | Without Ticket  |
| <b>ZDOT</b>         | Zero Death On Tracks (campaign to reduce fatalities from pedestrian trespassers)  |
| <b>ZISTU</b>        | Zonal Integrated S&T Units  |
| <b>ZTC</b>          | Zonal Training Centre   |
| <b>2T</b>           | Two-tier (as in "AC-2T" = airconditioned two-tier coach)  |
| <b>3T</b>           | Three-tier  |

#### Abbreviations for some states in India

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| <b>AP</b> | Andhra Pradesh   |
| <b>HP</b> | Himachal Pradesh |
| <b>JK</b> | Jammu & Kashmir  |

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| <b>MP</b> | Madhya Pradesh |
| <b>TN</b> | Tamilnadu      |
| <b>UP</b> | Uttar Pradesh  |
| <b>WB</b> | West Bengal    |

| <b>Other common abbreviations</b> |                               |
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| <b>Exp.</b>                       | Express                       |
| <b>Jn.</b>                        | Junction (in station names)   |
| <b>Pass., Pgr.</b>                | Passenger (train)             |
| <b>Raj</b>                        | Rajdhani Express              |
| <b>Rd.</b>                        | Road (in station names)       |
| <b>Cant., Cantt.</b>              | Cantonment (in station names) |
| <b>Mxd.</b>                       | Mixed (in train names)        |
| <b>Tr. Ckt.</b>                   | Track Circuit                 |

| <b>Classes of Accommodation</b> |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>1A</b>                       | First class Air-conditioned (also Executive Class) |
| <b>2A</b>                       | Air-conditioned 2-tier sleeper                     |
| <b>FC</b>                       | First Class  |
| <b>3A</b>                       | Air-conditioned 3-tier sleeper                     |
| <b>CC</b>                       | Air-conditioned chair car                          |
| <b>SL</b>                       | Sleeper class                                      |
| <b>2S</b>                       | Second-class Sitting                               |

| <b>Ticket Quotas</b> |                                  |
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| <b>GN</b>            | General                          |
| <b>LD</b>            | Ladies                           |
| <b>HO</b>            | High Official / Headquarters     |
| <b>DF</b>            | Defence                          |
| <b>RC (RAC)</b>      | Reservation against Cancellation |
| <b>OS</b>            | Out-station                      |
| <b>RS</b>            | Road-side                        |
| <b>PH</b>            | Parliament House                 |
| <b>FT</b>            | Foreign Tourist                  |
| <b>DP</b>            | Duty Pass                        |
| <b>HP</b>            | Handicapped                      |