

Overview

BRIEF HISTORY

Rail link of Ratlam division has a glorious history of more than 130 years. Meter gauge section in the division was started way back in 1874 while the Broad Gauge came into existence in 1893. Initially this was part of the Holkar Railway (Khandwa to Indore), Scindia-Neemuch Railway (presently Indore-Ratlam-Neemuch), Neemuch-Nasirabad Railway (Neemuch to Ajmer).

Holkar Railway (i.e. Khandwa to Indore)

The first section Khandwa-Sanawad was opened for traffic on 01.12.1874. The Narmada Bridge was opened for traffic on 5.10.1876 by His Highness the Maharaja of Holkar who named it 'Holkar-Narmada Bridge'.

It was opened in August 1876 and the complete line was constructed in 1879-80.

Neemuch-Nasirabad Railway (i.e. Neemuch to Ajmer)

Construction was started in the year 1879, and the work completed in March 1881.

Rajputana Malwa Railway

Above three railway units i.e., Holkar Railway, Scindia-Neemuch Railway and Neemuch-Nasirabad Railway were amalgamated under a single management in the year 1881-82 and were named as Rajputana Malwa railway.

Birth of Western Railway and Ratlam Division

On 5th November 1951, Western Railway with its Headquarters at Bombay came into existence after merging of BB & CI Railway with the other State Railways.

Ratlam Division of Western Railway came into existence on the 15th of August 1956, under divisionalisation scheme of Indian Railways. The inauguration ceremony was performed by Shri Thakatal Jain, the then Chief Minister of Madhya Bharat State.

The main artery of the division is its Nagda-Ratlam-Godhra line which is a part of Delhi-Mumbai Rajdhani route. From Ratlam, one can travel towards 4 major directions: Mumbai, Delhi, Ajmer and Khandwa. At present, the MG portion from Dr Ambedkarnagar station to Khandwa is under gauge conversion.

JURISDICTION & IMPORTANCE OF THE DIVISION

Ratlam division is the only division in WR which covers 3 states. A total of 13 Loksabha constituencies and 91 constituencies of state legislative assemblies of MP, Rajasthan and Gujrat are served by the division.

The division extends from Godhra to Bhopal, Ujjain to Dr. Ambedkar Nagar via Indore and from Dr. Ambedkar Nagar-Fatehabad-Ratlam-Chandaria, Maksi-Dewas & Khandwa Cabin to Sanawad which cover 3 states Madhya Pradesh, Gujrat and Rajasthan comprising of 15 districts of Madhya Pradesh, 3 of Rajasthan and 2 district of Gujrat.

The division is primarily a through traffic passing division connecting Northern and Eastern sectors to Gujrat and Maharashtra. It serves approx. 3.2 Crore population and 1.08 Square KM area is served by Raltam Division which give directly and indirectly employment to people of Gujrat, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.

Industries of Raltam Division

The industrial belt around Chittaurgarh area is one of the major sources of employment in the region. A large no. of cement plants is situated in this area and the Division helps these plants to run relentlessly by supplying raw material as well as transporting their materials to various parts of the country. While Cement is sent through rail to far flung areas, kliner is also sent to cement grinding units distributed in MP and UP. The economic growth of the area is significantly dependent on smooth functioning of these industries.

The agricultural belt around Sehore is quite significant as very good quality of wheat (Sihori Sharbati) is produced in this belt which is famous across the country. The produce is consumed across various states and the division helps in transportation of the food grains. Other agro products like Soyabean, cotton, etc. are also grown in different areas and some industries based on these products also take services of the division for their transportation needs. Other commodities like fertilizers De-oiled cake etc are also produced in the region and transported through railways.

Indore is adjoining to industrial hub named Pithampur which have major productions units including automobiles, medicines, batteries, etc.

ROUTE /TRACK KM

Gauge	Route-Kms	Track-Kms (Excluding Loop Line)	Track-Kms (Including Loop Line)
BG	1023.989	1631.885	2046.091
Under GC	44.28	44.28	48.51

STATIONS

The division has a total of 125 stations for the operation.

Class B:	106 stations
Class C:	01 station
Class D:	18 stations.

TOURISM

IMPORTANT STATIONS

Sr. No.	Station	Places of Public Interest
1	Ujjain	One of the 12 Jotirlingas Mahakaleshwar, one of the holy cities of saptapuris and also a sacred place of Simhastha Mela held every 12 years.
2	Indore	Economic & Commercial capital and Business centre of Madhya Pradesh state. It is a medical and educational hub.
3	Omkareshwar	Hindu pilgrim, one of 12 Jyotirlingas, Mamleshwar on the bank of Narmada River, Holy ghats at confluence of Narmada and Kaveri rivers.
4	Chittaurgarh	Chittaurgarh fort and its underground treasury, Rana Kumbha's palace, Victory tower & Temples etc. Famous Shri Sawariya temple at Mandfia is approx. 45 Kms. away from Chittaurgarh city.
5	Mandsaur	Famous for Pashupatinath temple as at Kathmandu. Also famous for opium growth – Chalk etc.
6	Kalakund and Patalpani	Famous for Hilly areas, waterfall and Heritage train

RIVERS IN DIVISION:

1. **Anas River** is a significant tributary of the Mahi River, originating from the south-eastern part of Jhabua in Madhya Pradesh. The river covers a total distance of about 44 km within the Jhabua district. The confluence of the Anas River with the left bank of the Mahi occurs at Kushalgarh.

Railway Bridge on Anas River Bridge No. 142 is on GDA-NAD Section

2. **Panam River**- Panam is a tributary of the Mahi River, it originates from Devgadhi Baria Taluka of Dahod district. The Panam River merges with the Mahi River 25 kilometres (16 mi) downstream of the Panam Dam.

Railway Bridge on Panam River Bridge No. 26 is on GDA-NAD Section

3. **Mahi River** originates on the Northern slope of Vindhya near the village of Sardarpur in the Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh at an elevation of 500m above. It has a total length of 583 km and it traverses through the states of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat.

Railway Bridge on Mahi River Bridge No. 226 is on GDA-NAD Section

4. **Shipra**- The Shipra is a river in Madhya Pradesh state of central India. The river rises in the North of Dhar district, and flows north across the Malwa Plateau to join the Chambal River at the MP-Rajasthan boundary in Mandsaur district. The holy city of Ujjain is situated on its east bank. Every 12 years, the Sinhastha fair (Kumbh Mela) takes place on the city's elaborate riverside ghats, as do yearly celebrations of the river goddess Shipra. There are hundreds of Hindu shrines along the banks of the river Shipra. The total length of Shipra river is 195 Km.

Railway Bridge on Shipra River Bridge No. 72 is on Indore Dewas Ujjain Section.

5. **Chambal**- The Chambal River is a tributary of the Yamuna River in Central and Northern India, and thus forms part of the drainage system of the Ganges. The river flows north-northeast through Madhya Pradesh, running for a time through Rajasthan then forming the boundary between Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh before turning southeast to join the Yamuna in Uttar Pradesh state.

Railway Bridge is on Chambal River Bridge No. 317 on RTM-NAD Section & Railway Bridge No. 519 is on RTM-FTD Section

6. **The Gambhir River**- It originates from Janapav near Mhow. It flows from south to north until it joins the Shipra River in Ujjain city, which later joins the Chambal River at the MP-Rajasthan boundary in Mandsaur district.

Railway Bridge on Gambhir River Bridge No. 23 is on NAD –UJN Section & Railway Bridge No. 530 is on RTM-FTD Section

7. **Parvati** River is a river in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, India that flows into the Chambal River. The river rises at a height of 610m in the Vindhya range in Sehore district Madhya Pradesh And flows in Sehore District, Rajgarh District, Guna District of Madhya Pradesh and then enters in Rajasthan and flows from Baran District and Sawai Madhopur District of Rajasthan where it falls into Chambal River in Sawai Madhopur District and runs for 436 km.

Railway Bridge on Parvati River Bridge No. 145 is on MKC-BPL Section

8. **The Kali Sindh** is a river in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan in northern India. It is a tributary of the Chambal River in the Ganges Basin. The total length of the Kali Sindh River is 550 kilometers, of which 405 kilometers are in Madhya Pradesh and 145 kilometers in Rajasthan.

Railway Bridge on Kali Sindh River Bridge No. 94 is on MKC-BPL Section

9. **Shivna River**-Shivna River is the life line of Mandsaur town as this river plays important role in social, religious, cultural activities of Mandsaur town besides providing potable water to the city dwellers. It is a small tributary of Chambal. Temple of Ashtamukhi Pashupati Nath Mahadev is located on the other bank of this river near Mandsaur city.

Railway Bridge on Shivna River Bridge No. 367 is on BEC-RTM Section

10. **The Berach** originates in the hills of Udaipur district, northeast of Udaipur, and has a length of 157 km and basin area of 7,502 km². It flows northeast through Udaipur, Chittorgarh and Bhilwara districts, joining the Banas near Bigod village of Bhilwara district.

Railway Bridge on Berach River Bridge No. 232 is on BEC-RTM Section

11. **Narmada**-Narmada River forms the traditional boundary between North India and South India and flows westwards over a length of 1,312 km before draining through the Gulf of Khambhat into the Arabian Sea, 30 km (18.6 mi) west of Bharuch city of Gujarat.

Railway Bridge on Narmada River Bridge No. 813 is on BWW-OM MG Section

MAJOR FREIGHT TRAFFIC DEALING SIDING/ GOODS SHED:

Sr. No.	Name of Sidings, PFT and Goods shed	Traffic dealt	
		Inward	Outward
1	Birla Cement Siding (CNAS), Chanderia	Coal, Clinker, Fly Ash, Cont., Limestone, Bauxite, Red mud	Cement, Clinker, Container
2	Hindustan Zinc Ltd. Sdg.(HZL), Chanderia	Coal, Zinc conc., Cont., Water for Ind. use	Zinc Ingot, Zinc Calcine, Sulphuric acid in Container
3	Ultratech Cement Sdg.(ACS), Shambhupura	Coal, Red mud,Gypsum, Fly Ash	Cement, Clinker
4	J.K. Cement Siding (NBHS), Nimbahera	Coal, Fly Ash	Cement, Clinker
5	Ultratech Cement Siding (VCSN),Jawad road	Coal, Gypsum, Fly Ash, Redmud	Cement, Clinker
6	Pegasus Inland Container Depot Pvt. Ltd. Brownfield GCT (PIDN), Namli	Coal, Container	Container
7	Grasim Industries Ltd. Siding (GISN), Nagda	Coal, Industrial Salt	Caustic Soda Lye, Container
8	Bharat Petroleum Corp. Ltd. Siding Outward gantry (BPMG), Mangliagaon	--	POL
9	IOCL Siding (IOBD), Bangrod	--	POL
10	IOCL Siding(IOCMB), Mangliagaon	POL	--
11	Wonder cement siding (WCSG), Gambhiri	Coal, Red mud, Limestone, Fly Ash	Cement, Clinker
12	Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd.siding (LFSG), Gambhiri	Coal, Gypsum, Iron & Steel slag	Cement
13	J.K. Cement siding (JKCG), Gambhiri	Coal, Fly Ash, Gypsum	Clinker, Cement
14	IOC siding (ICBB), BakaniaBhauri	POL	--
15	Reliance Ind. Ltd. siding (BQER), BakaniaBhauri	POL	--
16	CONCOR Greenfield PFT (CGPT), Tihi	Containers, Iron & Steel	Containers
17	NTPC STP siding Khargone(NSPN)- Nimarkheri	Coal, Fuel oil, Container	Fly Ash, Container
18	BPCL siding (PBCB), BakaniaBhauri	POL	--
19	Bank Note Press Siding (BNPD), Dewas	Currency note in TV	Currency note in TV
20	Dhoswas Goods shed (DHWS)	Fertilisers, Food grain, Cement	Food grain, Onion
21	Dewas Goods shed (DWX)	Fertiliser, Food Grain, Cement	Soya DOC, Food grain, Automobile
22	Laxmibainagar Goods shed (LMNR)	Cement, Fertilizer, Iron & Steel	Food grain
23	MangliyaGaon Goods shed (MGG)	Salt, Fertiliser, Food grain	Soya DOC, Food Grain
24	Meghnagar Goods shed (MGN)	Food grain, Fertiliser, Iron & Steel, Cement	Food grain, Manganese ore, Fertiliser
25	Vikramnagar Goods shed (VRG)	Fertiliser, Food grain & Cement	Soya DOC, Food grain
26	Shujalpur Goods shed (SJP)	Fertiliser, Cement& Food grain	Soya DOC, Food grain
27	Sehore Goods shed (SEH)	Fertiliser, Cement	Soya DOC, Food grain
28	Shambhupura Goods shed (SMP)	Red Mud, Automobile	Red Ochre
29	Maksi Goods shed (MKC)	Cement	Soya DOC, Food grain
30	Chandera Goods shed (CNA)	Fertiliser	Food grain, Fertiliser
31	Neemuch Goods shed (NMH)	Fertiliser	Soya DOC, Food grain
32	Jaora Goods shed (JAO)	Cement	Soya DOC, Food grain
33	Dalauda Goods shed (DLD)	Fertilizer	Soya DOC, Food grain
34	Dahod Goods shed (DHD)	Cement	--
35	Nimbahera Goods shed (NBH)	--	Foodgrain
36	Runija Goods shed (RNJ)	--	Food grain
37	Sanawad Goods shed (SWD)	---	Fertilizer