

# History of East-Central Railway

Indian Railways is a the government of India enterprise which is operated through the Ministry of Railways. Railways were first introduced to India in 1853 from Bombay to Thane. It developed in different pockets of India as different railway systems and in 1951 the systems were nationalized as one unit, the Indian Railways, becoming one of the largest networks in the world.

The history of rail transport in India began in the mid-nineteenth century. In 1849, there was not a single kilometre of railway line in India. By 1880 the network had a route mileage of about 14,500 km, mostly radiating inward from the three major port cities of Mumbai, Madras and Calcutta connecting with their hinterland.

In 1905, an early Railway Board was constituted, but the powers were formally invested under Lord Curzon. It served under the Department of Commerce and Industry and had a government railway official serving as chairman, and a railway manager from England and an agent of one of the company railways as the other two members. In 1907 almost all the rail companies were taken over by the government.

The number of zones in Indian Railways increased from six to eight in 1951, nine in 1952 and sixteen in 2003.

**East-Central Railway**, headquartered at Hajipur came into existence on September 8, 1996 along with North-West Railways with headquarters at Jaipur. It was headed by OSD. However, it became fully operational with full control over its jurisdiction on 1 October, 2002 headed by General Manager. It was carved out of 3 division of Eastern Railway consisting of Dhanbad, Mughalsarai and Danapur and 2 divisions of North-Eastern Railways namely Sonapur division and Samastipur divisions.



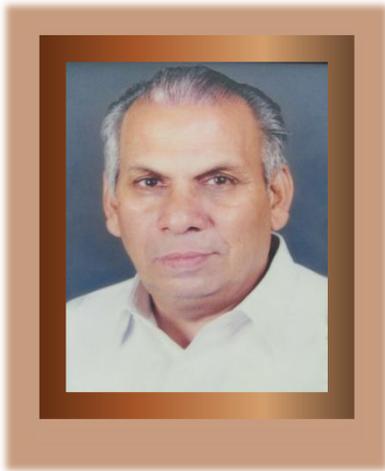
General Manager Office at Hajipur in 1996

East-Central Railways operated from the old GM building from 1996 and continued with it till it became fully operational on 1 Oct,2002. However, after becoming fully operational more office space was required and hence some office space was also hired at Hajipur and Patna to cope with the situation. It was felt that a new modern building was the requirement of the day and thus a new General Manager Office was constructed in front of the old building where the offices from the rented premises were shifted in phases. Today the new General Manager's Office is a towering landmark in the landscape of Hajipur.



**Rail Niketan, General Manager Office at Hajipur in 2015**

# Officers's On Special Duty on East-Central Railway



**V D Gupta**  
(16.09.96-02.02.98)

**I I M S Rana**  
(02.02.98-13.03.00)

**R L Malik**  
(14.03.00-31.08.00)

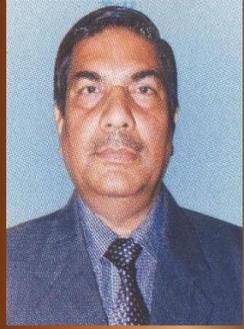
**K K Aggarwal**  
(30.11.00-31.05.02)

# General Manager's of East-Central Railway



**S C Gupta**

(01.10.02-23.04.03)



**R.S. Varshneya**

(23.04.03-28.02.05)



**J P Batra**

(01.03.05-31.07.05)



**K C Jena**

(31.07.05-31.07.06)



**S K Vij**

(31.07.06-31.01.07)



**Girish Bhatnagar**

(31.01.07-03.07.09)



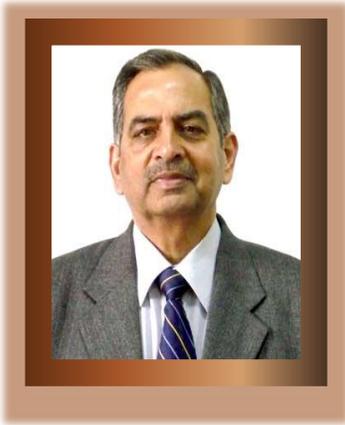
**Deepak Krishan(L/A)**

(03.07.09-19.11.09)



**Sanjiv Handa**

(19.11.09-31.03.10)



**A P Mishra(L/A)**  
**(31.03.10-01.08.10)**



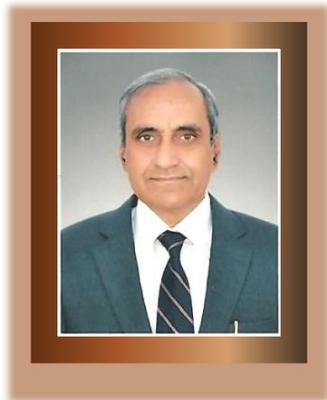
**H C Joshi(L/A)**  
**(01.08.10-12.10.10)**



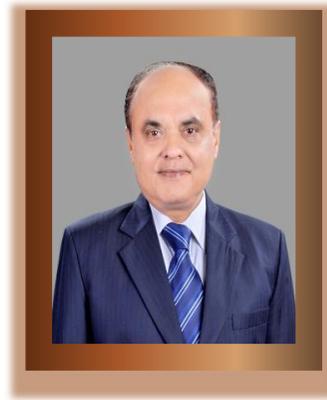
**K K Srivastava**  
**(12.10.10-09.11.11)**



**Varun Bharthuar**  
**(09.11.11-31.07.12)**



**B P Khare(L/A)**  
**(31.07.12 - 16.01.13)**



**Madhuresh Kumar**  
**(16.01.13 - 31.12.14)**



**Aaditya Kumar Mittal**  
**(31.12.14 - Till Date)**