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Railways targets full electrification with Rs 35,000-crore plan

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Synopsis

The cost works out to be slightly more than Rs 1 crore per kilometre over parts of the 66,000-km network yet to be electrified, a senior Railway Board official told ET.

NEW DELHI: Indian Railways has prepared a Rs 35,000 crore plan to electrify its entire network in the next four years, a move that will help save Rs 10,500 crore a year in fuel bill.

The cost works out to be slightly more than Rs 1 crore per kilometre over parts of the 66,000-km network yet to be electrified, a senior Railway Board official told ET. "We'll be funding it through our own resources," the official said on condition of anonymity.

So far, nearly half of the railway tracks in the country have been electrified. But these tracks account for 55% of coaches and 65% of freight traffic at just about 35% of railway's total fuel bill.

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