

Historical development of Indian Railways

1. 1844

First proposals for the construction of railways in India were submitted to East India Company by R.M. Stephenson a railway Engineer in British India.

2. 1849

East India Company undertakes a construction of a 160 km Railways line from Calcutta to Mizapur.

3. 1850

Contract undertaken by Indian Peninsular railway for construction of a line from Bombay to Kalyan.

4. 1855-60

Following eight railway companies were established in India.

- (1) Great Indian Peninsula Railway
- (2) The East Indian Railway
- (3) The Madras Railway
- (4) The Bombay - Baroda and Central India Railway
- (5) The Scindia Railway
- (6) The Eastern Railway
- (7) The South India Railway
- (8) The Calcutta and South Eastern Railway