

RAILWAY TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES: MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES AND MODERN APPROACHES

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Abstract: This article analyzes the main facilities and infrastructure of the railway transport system, their functional significance, and the principles of management. It also emphasizes the importance of developing railway infrastructure using modern technologies, optimizing management systems, and adopting international best practices.

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Introduction

Railway transport is an integral part of the economic development and logistics system of any country. It ensures the safe, economical, and environmentally friendly transportation of large volumes of cargo and passengers over long distances. The efficiency of the railway system largely depends on the coherence of its infrastructure, facilities, and management systems.

After gaining independence, the government of Uzbekistan placed significant importance on the development of railway transport. On November 7, 1994, the State Joint-Stock Railway Company "Uzbekistan Railways" (SJRC) was established based on the regional divisions of the Central Asian Railways. According to a decision by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan regarding the improvement of the management system of the SJRC, a new organizational structure came into effect on January 1, 2001.

Currently, the management structure of "Uzbekistan Railways" consists of the Company Council, its central administration, and several departments responsible for different sectors such as track maintenance, freight transport and expedition services, repair and utilization, construction and production infrastructure, and social infrastructure.

All railway lines in Uzbekistan are divided into five regional railway junctions (RRJs): Tashkent, Kokand, Bukhara, Kungrad, Karshi, and Termez. The company administration continues to make significant efforts to improve and develop the railway network. Its main tasks include:

Creating a unified national railway network;

Continuing electrification of the main railway sections;

Developing railway infrastructure through modernization and transition to fiber-optic telecommunications;

Establishing repair facilities for rolling stock;

Finding alternative transport corridors to increase access to global markets and boost the country's export capacity;

Attracting additional transit freight through the territory of the republic.

Types of Railway Infrastructure and Facilities

Railway infrastructure consists of several key elements:

Railway tracks (rails, sleepers, ballast): Ensure movement stability, speed, and safety.

Bridges and tunnels: Crucial for maintaining continuous routes in complex terrains.

Stations and passing loops: Serve cargo and passenger operations, and manage locomotives and wagons.

Signaling and communication systems: Regulate train intervals and ensure safe operation.

Electrification systems: Improve energy efficiency and reduce fuel consumption.

Fundamentals of Railway Management

The management of the railway system involves several core components:

Centralized dispatch control: Allows remote traffic management and rapid response to emergencies.

Automated systems (ATS, SCADA): Enhance safety through operational control and monitoring.

Logistics management: Optimize freight movement, reduce idle wagon turnaround time, and improve overall efficiency.

Modern Approaches and Digitalization

In recent years, the following modern approaches have been widely adopted in the railway sector:

IoT (Internet of Things): Enables real-time monitoring of equipment and systems.

Big Data and AI: Assist in movement planning, predictive maintenance, and performance analysis.

Digital Twins: Support infrastructure modeling and service optimization through simulation of real-world conditions.

International Experience and Recommendations for Uzbekistan

Countries like Europe, Japan, and China have highly automated and integrated railway systems. In Uzbekistan, the “Railway Modernization Program” is underway, introducing modern equipment, electrification, and digital control systems. To further accelerate this process, the following recommendations are essential:

Implement artificial intelligence in railway control centers;

Modernize infrastructure in accordance with environmental standards;

Align national standards with international norms and regulations.

Conclusion

Railway transport infrastructure and management systems play a critical role in national development. Integrating modern technologies into these systems not only enhances operational efficiency but also contributes to economic sustainability and competitiveness.

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