

Batches of inter-provincial high-speed railway construction plans emerged in China

Batches of inter-provincial capital city high-speed railway construction plans for the 13th Five-Year Plan or even for the last year of the 12th Five-Year Plan emerged in most provinces of China. According to the experts in related research, the draft ideas of railway construction plan during the 13th Five-Year Plan may include inter-provincial capital city high-speed railway construction plans, even inter-provincial high-speed railway plans. Thus, new high-speed railways may increase tens of thousands of kilometers during the 13th Five-Year Plan.

The high-speed railways such as Changsha to Xi'an, Chongqing to Xi'an, Zhengzhou to Jinan, Guiyang to Nanning, Wuhan to Hangzhou, Hefei to Nanchang, Ganzhou to Shenzhen, etc. are already under planning of local governments. In Guiyang City, in addition to the speed-up construction of railways to Kunming, Changsha and Chongqing, Guiyang to Nanning and Zhengzhou high-speed railways will start construction as soon as possible. Guiyang to Guangzhou high-speed railway will be officially operating on December 20. In the meantime, Guiyang government also try to bring Guiyang to Zhengzhou high-speed railway into the 13th Five-Year Plan. Other 6 railways are expected to start construction in Guiyang during the 13th Five-Year Plan.

High-speed railway construction plans emerged in most provinces is very necessary. Dong Yan, Researcher from Comprehensive Transportation Research Institute of National Development and Reform Commission of China said in an interview, with the operation of Beijing to Shanghai and Beijing to Guangzhou high-speed railways, tourism and economy of cities along the railways has developed rapidly, which is greatly beyond expectation. It would be better to build new railways instead of rebuilding old ones since new railway construction is good to city development and funding is not an issue.

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