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Mr. Parkash, currently with Asian Development Bank, has over 20 year's experience of working with transport development in East Asia, Central Asia and South Asia and has led task teams to identify, prepare and appraise large and prestigious railway projects in these regions. He is deeply involved with the reforms, restructuring, and institutional development of railways in People's Republic of China (PRC), Mongolia and Central Asia. Collaborating with other development partners, and adopting innovative financing packages, he has helped in mobilizing diversified financing sources for railway development. He has been involved in developing numerous railway projects in the PRC, including the high-speed dedicated passenger line from Zhengzhou to Xi'an.

He was closely associated with the setting up of the IFI group for transport under the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) initiative and Transport Sector Coordinating Committee for Central Asia; and helped develop the regional transport sector strategy for Central Asia. He has also worked on the South Asia Regional Development Initiative (World Bank), the Trans Asian Railways (ESCAP), the Kunming Initiative, and the Singapore Kunming Railway Link Initiative.

He has authored numerous publications including on promoting environmentally sustainable transport in the PRC, socio-economic impacts of railway development, financing railway development through innovative financing modalities, impacts of WTO accession on railways and promoting regional cooperation in Central Asia through transport sector development.