GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. E(W)96PS5-8/2

New Delhi, dt. 12.07.2004

The General Managers (Personnel & Commercial)
All Indian Railways & Production Units
(As per standard list I & II)

Sub: Provision of companion in lieu of attendant to senior citizens | Class I-A post-retirement complimentary pass holders – Inclusion of mentally retarded and/or physically disabled son/daughter of retired railway employees.

In terms of Board's letter of even number dated 5.1.1999, retired railway employees and/or eligible family members, who are above the age of 65 years and are holding 1st class/1-A Passes, are allowed to take a companion in sleeper/2nd class subject to the condition that both pass holder and companion travel in sleeper/2nd class. Instructions have also been issued vide Board's letter of even No. dt. 17.2.04 to allow such retired railway employees/eligible family members to take a companion in higher class on payment of full difference of fare between sleeper/2nd class and the class in which the retired railway employee travels. The NFIR has brought to the notice of Board that if a handicapped ward of the retired railway employee, who is below 65 years of age, is included in the Post Retirement Complimentary Pass, the facility of companion is not allowed in terms of the extant instructions and requested that since a handicapped ward cannot be of any assistance to the Post Retirement Complimentary Pass holder/eligible family members above the age of 65 years, the facility of companion may be allowed when a handicapped ward is travelling with such Post Retirement Complimentary Pass holder/eligible family members above 65 years of age.

2. The matter has been considered by Board in detail and it has been decided that the facility of companion in lieu of attendant may also be provided to 1st class/1st 'A' Post Retirement Complimentary Pass holder and/or eligible family members above 65 years of age when they are travelling along with the mentally retarded and/or physically disabled son or daughter of the retired railway employee, who is eligible to be included in the Post Retirement Complimentary Pass, as per rules.


5. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Board’s Office.

Receipt of this letter may be acknowledged.

(P.N. KUMARAN )
Dy. Director Estt.(Welfare)
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ADVANCE CORRECTION SLIP NO. 45 TO THE RAILWAY SERVANTS
(PASS) RULES, 1986 (SECOND EDITION, 1993).

Item No. (xiv) in column 3 of Schedule IV (Post Retirement
Complimentary Pass) may be amended as follows:

Add the following sentence at the end of item No. 3:

"The facility of companion in lieu of attendant may, however, be
permitted when the pass holder and/or eligible members of family above the
age of 65 years are travelling along with the mentally retarded and/or
physically disabled son or daughter of the retired railway employee, who is
eligible to be included in the Post Retirement Complimentary Pass as per
rules."