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The General Managers (P)
All Indian Railways &
Production Units.

Sub: Provision of companion in lieu of attendant to First
Class/Ist 'A' Post Retirement Complimentary
Pass/Widow Pass holders who are of 70 years of age
and above.

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In terms of the provisions contained in Schedule-IV
(Post Retirement Complimentary Pass) & Schedule-V (Widow Pass) of the
employees/Widows of 65 years of age and above entitled to Ist Class/Ist 'A'
Post Retirement Complimentary/Widow Passes are entitled to the facility of
companion in higher class on payment of full difference of fare between
Sleeper Class/II Class and the class in which the retired Railway
employee/Widow in all trains other than Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains travels,
subject to the conditions laid down in the said Pass Rules.

2. On receipt of a demand from certain retired Railway employees for
permitting companion in the same higher class in which the First Class/Ist 'A'
Post Retirement Complimentary/Widow Pass holder travels, without payment
of difference of fare, the matter has been considered carefully by the Board
and it has been decided that retired Railway employees/Widows of 70 years of
age and above, who are entitled to Ist Class/Ist 'A' Post Retirement
Complimentary/Widow Passes may be allowed to take a companion in the
same class by paying 1/3rd of the difference of fare between Sleeper Class/II
Class and the higher class in which the retired Railway employee/Widow
travels in all trains, including Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains, subject to the existing
restriction regarding number of berths in Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains.

3. The facility of companion to such retired Railway employees/Widows
who are of 70 years of age and above, as indicated above, will be subject to
the condition that the pass holder is not accompanied by any other member of
his/her family who is below 70 years of age. In other words, if any member of
his/her family is below 70 years of age and he/she travels alongside the pass
holder, the facility of companion in the same class by paying 1/3rd difference
of fare between Sleeper Class/II Class and the higher class shall not be
available.

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4. At the time of application for Post Retirement Complimentary/Widow Pass, the retired Railway employee/Widow of 70 years of age and above, who are entitled to 1st Class/Ist A’ Post Retirement Complimentary/Widow Pass, shall exercise option regarding facility of companion being availed and in addition to the endorsement, as enclosed, being made on their Pass, stamp regarding their entitlement to the number of berth(s) in Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains shall also be made.

5. Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution, the President is pleased to direct that Schedules IV & V of the Railway Servants (Pass) Rules, 1986 (Second Edition, 1993) shall be amended as in the ACS No. 66 enclosed.

6. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways.

7. Please acknowledge receipt.

(Debasis Mazumdar)
Joint Director Estt(Welfare)
Railway Board.

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Add the following as para at the end of item No. (xiv) in column 3 of Schedule-IV (Post Retirement Complimentary Pass).

"(iv) Retired Railway employees of 70 years of age and above who are entitled to 1st Class/1st `A` Post Retirement Complimentary Passes may take a companion in the same class in all trains, including Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains, by paying 1/3rd of the difference of fare between Sleeper Class/II Class and the class in which the retired Railway employee travels, and the following endorsement shall be made on the pass :-

" Companion in lieu of attendant will be permitted only when the pass holder and other family member (s) more than 70 years of age is/are travelling in SL/II Class in trains other than Rajdhani/Shatabdi express, or in higher class by paying 1/3rd of the difference of fare between SL/II class and the class in which the pass holder/family member (s) above 70 years of age is/are travelling in all trains including Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains subject to existing restrictions regarding number of berths".

2. Add the following as para (iv) at the end of item (ii) (c) under column 3 in Schedule-V (Widow Pass).

"(iv) The 1st Class/1-A Widow Pass holder of 70 years of age and above will be permitted a companion in the same class in all trains including Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains, by paying 1/3rd of difference of fare between Sleeper Class/II Class and the class in which the widow of the railway employee travels, and the following endorsement shall be made on the pass :-

" Companion in lieu of attendant will be permitted only when the pass holder and other family member (s) more than 70 years of age is/are travelling in SL/II Class in trains other than Rajdhani/Shatabdi express, or in higher class by paying 1/3rd of the difference of fare between SL/II class and the class in which the pass holder/family member (s) above 70 years of age is/are travelling in all trains including Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains subject to existing restrictions regarding number of berths".

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