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The General Manager,
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Sub: Qualifying Railway service for grant of post-retirement complimentary passes.

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Various Central Administrative Tribunals have been delivering judgements for grant of post-retirement complimentary passes to those Railway employees, who joined Railways from other State/Central Government Departments, taking into consideration of their past services rendered in non-Railway Departments. In the case of two Special Leave petitions filed (Civil Appeal No. 8327/97 Dr. S. Malliar Singh Vs UOI and Civil Appeal No. 1701 of 1997 Dr. Jagdishwar Bhatt Vs UOI) the honourable Supreme Court vide their judgement have set at rest all controversies regarding qualifying service for post-retirement passes. The minimum qualifying service required for grant of post-retirement complimentary pass is 20 years of service rendered on the Railways. They have also upheld the Railway Board's rights to relax the rules in individual cases on merits. The judgement categorically lays down that the provision of other Rules (e.g. Pension Rules) could not be imparted into Railway Servants (Pass) Rules. Copies of the judgement referred to above are sent herewith for information and guidance.

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