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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

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Rail Bhavan, New Delhi-110001 dt. 08.05.2002

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways &
Production Units.

The OSDs
New Zones

Sub: Passes for widows of Railway employees.

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In terms of Board's letter of even number dated 24.04.1998 widows of Railway servants who were in service prior to 12.03.1987 have been made eligible to be admitted to the scheme of widow pass on a one time payment of Rs.250/- as the notional value of two sets of PTOs and also subject to fulfillment of the terms and conditions stipulated in Board's letter No. E(W)85PS5-8/2 dated 30.06.1987. It has been laid down in para 5.4.1 of Board's letter dated 30.06.1987 that the first application for Passes (Annexure-B) from the widows should be certified by at least 2 serving employees to confirm the bonafide of the applicant and the authenticity of the particulars given in the application.

2. NFIR have brought to the notice of the Railway Board about the difficulties likely to be faced by the wives of pre-1987 retired Railway servants in the event of their death in obtaining certificate from two serving employees as stipulated in para 5.4.1 of Board's letter dated 30.06.1987 referred to above.

3. The matter has been considered by the Board. It is seen from Widow Pass scheme that at the time of retirement of an employee, a certificate is given by his office indicating his entitlement for post-retirement passes. The certificate is also given to the widow on death of a serving employee. A zerox copy of this certificate is to be submitted by the widow/retired railway employee at the time of applying for pass for the first time. The details furnished by the widows can very well be verified from this certificate. It has, therefore, been decided by Board that the requirement of certificate by two serving railway employees may be dispensed with and Annexure 'B' (format for application to be submitted by widow) may be amended accordingly by deleting the certificate portion from the application.

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

5. Please acknowledge receipt.

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