

**भारत सरकार Government of India**  
**रेल मंत्रालय Ministry of Railways**  
**रेलवे बोर्ड (Railway Board)**

No. E(W)2007/PS 5-6/28

New Delhi, Dated: 01-04-2013

The General Managers (P),  
All Zonal Railways.

**Sub: Complimentary Card passes to Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardees and Dhyani Chand Awardees and other facilities on the Card passes issued to sports-persons.**

Ref: Railway Board's letters No. E(W)95/PS 5-6/61 dated 23-02-1996, E(W)97/PS 5-6/34 dated 10-09-1997, No. E(W)95/PS 5-6/61 dated 20-05-1999, No. E(W)2004/PS 5-6/59 dated 20-08-2004 and No. E(W)2012/PS 5-14/1 dated 20-07-2012.

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As per extant policy Ministry of Railways provides 1<sup>st</sup> Class/2<sup>nd</sup> AC Complimentary Card passes to sports-persons who are Arjuna Awardees or Olympic Medalists or Gold Medalists in Asian or Commonwealth Games or Dronacharya Awardees. The aforesaid Card pass entitles them life-long free rail travel for self only in 1<sup>st</sup> Class/2<sup>nd</sup> AC over all-Indian Railways (except Metro Railway/Kolkata) by any train other than Rajdhani/ Shatabdi trains. Recently, Arjuna Awardees have been permitted travel facility even by Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains on the authority of said Complimentary Card pass. The aforesaid policy further prescribes that the sports person is entitled to the facility of a companion in same Class on the Complimentary Card pass on attaining the age of 65 years. Olympic Medalists are also provided one Complimentary 1st AC Cheque pass per year for one to and fro journey in 1st AC Class along with one companion, over all Indian Railways. Railway Board's letters mentioned above refer in this regard.

2. In the context of facility of Complimentary Card passes provided to sports-persons, Ministry of Railways have now decided that Complimentary Card passes issued to Arjuna Awardees shall henceforth be valid for travel in Duronto trains also. It has been further decided that Complimentary Card passes issued to Olympic Medalists and Dronacharya Awardees shall also be valid for travel by 2AC/3AC in Rajdhani trains, Chair Car (CC) in Shatabdi trains and in Duronto trains, as in the case of Arjuna Awardees.

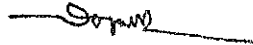
3. Ministry of Railways have further decided that sports-persons recipients of 'Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award' or 'Dhyani Chand Award' shall also be provided 1<sup>st</sup> Class/ 2<sup>nd</sup> AC Complimentary Card passes for life long free rail travel for self only in 1<sup>st</sup> Class/2<sup>nd</sup> AC over all-Indian Railways (except Metro Railway/Kolkata) by any train including Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duronto trains, on the same lines as issued to Arjuna

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Awardees. Furthermore, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardees shall also be issued one Complimentary 1<sup>st</sup> AC Cheque Pass per year for one to and fro journey in 1<sup>st</sup> AC Class alongwith one companion in same Class by any train including Rajdhani/ Shatabdi/ Durgam trains, as in the case of Olympic Medalists. Complimentary Card passes to Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardees and Dhyan Chand Awardees shall be issued from Railway Board. However, the 1<sup>st</sup> AC Complimentary Cheque pass may be issued to Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardees and Olympic Medalists either from Railway Board or from Zonal/Divisional Headquarters as may be selected/ nominated by the sports-person. Details of such 1<sup>st</sup> AC Cheque passes issued by the Railways should be furnished to Railway Board every month.

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

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

  
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Director Establishment (Welfare)  
Railway Board.

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