

भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
रेल मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(रेलवे बोर्ड) (RAILWAY BOARD)

No.E(W)2020/PS5-2/1

New Delhi, dated 18.03.2020

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

Sub: Complaint regarding issuance of passes indicating the type of disability.

Ref: Board's letter No. E(W)2017/PS5-1/6 dated 19.07.2019.

Details of amendments made in the Railway Servants (Pass) Rules, 1986 (Second Edition-1993) to make it compatible with the provisions contained in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act-2016 and the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules-2017, were communicated vide Board's above referred letter. Specific directives, as reproduced below, were also issued vide Para 2 thereof:

"Pass Issuing Authorities shall discontinue the practice of mentioning the type of disability on the passes and indicate only as "PwD", wherever necessary."

2. However, Hon'ble Court of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) (CCPWD) has forwarded a complaint of a retired Railway Servant wherein the complainant has stated that Board's instructions are still not followed in the Railways and enclosed photocopies of passes issued by a Divisional Pass Issuing Authority indicating therein his PwD son as "Invalid son". Hon'ble CCPWD has directed to look into the matter and take appropriate action.

3. Keeping the above in view, all the Zonal Railways and PUs are advised to take note of the instructions contained in Board's letter cited under reference and issue necessary directives also to the Pass Issuing Authorities at all levels/Units in the Railway to sensitize them in the matter and to ensure issuance of Passes with due care and strictly in accordance with the extant rules/instructions.

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