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

No. E(W) 2004 PS 5-6/ 55

New Delhi, dated, 6-10-2004.

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways.

Sub: Issue of complimentary card passes in favour of widows of Gallantry Awardees.

Ref: Board's letters No. E(W) 96 PS 5-6/22 dated 23.02.1996, 4.07.1996 and 29.10.1996.

In pursuance of announcement made by the then Minister for Railways in Parliament while presenting the Railway Budget, 1996-97, instruction for grant of First Class/2nd AC Complimentary Card passes to the Gallantry Awardees (Chakra series) belonging to Defence Forces and widows of posthumous award winners were issued vide Board's letters dated 23.02.1996 and 4.07.1996. Subsequently instructions were issued vide letter dated 29.10.1996 referred to above to extend the scheme to police personnel conferred with President's Police Medal for Gallantry, Police Medal for Gallantry and to widows of posthumous Gallantry awardees of the two categories of awards. In terms of these extant instructions, complimentary card pass facility is not available to the widows on the death of the recipient of the award.

The matter has been examined by Board and it has now been decided that on the death of the Gallantry award winners, 1st class/2nd AC complimentary card pass facility should be extended to the surviving widows of all Gallantry awardees at par with the facility already available to widows of posthumous Gallantry awardees of Defence/Police Forces as indicated in Board's instructions referred to above.

In addition to the documents required to be submitted by the widows as mentioned in Board's letter dated 23.02.1996, attested copy of the death certificate and certificate from a gazetted officer indicating that the widow has not remarried may be submitted to the office of Zonal Railway Head Quarter or the office of Divisional Railway Manager from where pass will be issued.

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

Please acknowledge receipt.


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