

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

No.E(W)2008/PS 5-6/8

New Delhi, Dated : 13.05.2011

The General Managers,
All Zonal Railways.

Sub: Extension of validity of Complimentary Card passes issued to Defence personnel recipients of Kirti Chakra or Shaurya Chakra in Rajdhani/ Shatabdi/ Jan Shatabdi Express trains.

Ref: This office letters No.E(W)96/PS5-6/22 dated 23.02.96 and 04.07.96, No.E(W)2002/PS5-6/99 dated 25.02.2003, No.E(W)2004/PS5-6/55 dated 06.10.2004, No.E(W)2008/PS5-6/55 dated 09.04.2008.

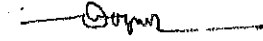
In terms of this Ministry's letters dated 23.02.96 and 04.07.96, referred to above, instructions were issued for grant of 1st Class/2nd AC Complimentary Card passes to Defence personnel recipients of gallantry awards of Chakra series and to widows of posthumous awardees of Chakra series awards viz. Param Vir Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra, Vir Chakra, Ashok Chakra, Kirti Chakra and Shaurya Chakra, for life-long free rail travel over all Indian Railways (except Metro Railway/Kolkata) in 1st Class/2nd AC alongwith one companion in the same Class, by any train other than Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains. Subsequently, in terms of the letters dated 25.02.2003 and 09.04.2008, the Complimentary Card passes issued to recipients of Param Vir Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra, Vir Chakra and Ashok Chakra were made valid for travel by AC 2 tier/AC 3 tier of Rajdhani Express trains and Chair Car (CC) of Shatabdi/ Jan Shatabdi Express trains. Further, in terms of the letter dated 06.10.2004, the facility of Complimentary Card pass has been extended to the widow after the death of such a gallantry awardee.

2. The issue regarding extension of the facility of travel by Rajdhani/ Shatabdi/ Jan Shatabdi trains to recipients of Kirti Chakra and Shaurya Chakra as is available to other Chakra awardees, was under consideration of this Ministry and it has now been decided to extend the aforesaid facility of travel by Rajdhani/ Shatabdi/ Jan Shatabdi trains to them also. Accordingly, Defence personnel recipients of Kirti Chakra or Shaurya Chakra, their widows or widows of posthumous such awardees shall be issued 1st Class/2nd AC Complimentary Card passes valid for travel in 2nd AC/ 3rd AC in Rajdhani Express trains and Chair Car (CC) of Shatabdi/ Jan Shatabdi trains alongwith one companion in the same Class besides normal travel entitlements on such pass. Accordingly, the Complimentary Card passes now being issued to Kirti Chakra and

Shaurya Chakra awardees shall be withdrawn and all Chakra awardees from Defence forces shall henceforth be issued Complimentary Card Pass meant for Param Vir Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra and Vir Chakra awardees (i.e. Orange cover hard bound Card pass with three Golden stripes across the face of the Card pass below the national emblem). When such a Complimentary Card pass is issued to a recipient of Ashok Chakra, Kirti Chakra or Shaurya Chakra, the following may be stamped on the inside of the Complimentary Card pass :

“Category – Ashok Chakra/ Kirti Chakra/ Shaurya Chakra”

3. Other conditions governing issue of Complimentary Card passes to recipients of gallantry awards shall remain the same.
4. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways.
5. Hindi version will follow.
6. Please acknowledge receipt.



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