

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

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

New Delhi, Dated : 16.05.2011

The General Managers,
All Zonal Railways.

Sub: Extension of facility of Complimentary Card passes to parents of unmarried Defence personnel awarded Param Vir Chakra or Ashok Chakra posthumously.

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 and dated 13.05.2011

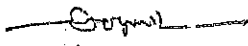
In terms of this Ministry's letters dated 23.02.96 and 04.07.96, referred to above, instructions were issued for grant of 1st Class/2nd AC Complimentary Card passes to Defence personnel recipients of gallantry awards of Chakra series and to widows of posthumous awardees of Chakra series awards viz. Param 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 letters dated 25.02.2003, 09.04.2008 and 13.05.2011, the Complimentary Card passes issued to all categories of Chakra awardees have been 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 aforesaid facility of Complimentary Card passes to the parents of unmarried personnel from the armed forces who have been awarded Param Vir Chakra or Ashok Chakra posthumously was under consideration of this Ministry and it has now been decided to extend the aforesaid facility of Complimentary Card Pass to them. Accordingly, 1st Class/2nd AC Complimentary Card passes may be issued in the joint name of parents of unmarried armed force personnel posthumously awarded Param Vir Chakra or Ashok Chakra, with similar facilities of rail travel available on the Complimentary Card pass as are available to

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Chakra awardees viz. travel facility over all Indian Railways (except Metro Railway/ Kolkata) by 1st Class/2nd AC in any train including 2AC/ 3AC in Rajdhani Express trains and Chair Car (CC) in Shatabdi/ Jan Shatabdi trains. As regards companion facility, when one of the parents travels alone on the Complimentary Card pass, he/she shall be entitled to take one companion in the same Class along with him/her. However, when both the parents are travelling together, the facility of companion shall not be admissible on the Complimentary Card pass. The procedure and other conditions for issue of such Complimentary Card passes to parents in the aforesaid cases shall be the same as followed while issuing Complimentary Card passes to gallantry awardees under the existing scheme.

3. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways.
4. Hindi version will follow.
5. Please acknowledge receipt.


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Railway Board.

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