

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

No. E(W) 2002 PS 5-6/99

New Delhi, dated, 25 -02-2003.

The General Managers,  
All Indian Railways.

**Sub: Validity of First class/AC 2 tier Complimentary Card passes issued to recipients of Param Vir Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra and Vir Chakra awards in Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi Expresses.**

Ref: Board's letters No. E(W) 96 PS 5-6/22 dated 23.02.96 and 4.07.96.

Instructions have been issued vide Railway Board's letters dated 23.02.96 and 4.07.96 referred to above for issue of First class/AC 2 tier Complimentary Card Passes to recipients of Gallantry Awards of six types of Chakra series Gallantry Awards namely, Param Vir Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra, Vir Chakra, Ashok Chakra, Kirti Chakra and Shaurya Chakra alongwith a companion. These passes are available for travel from any railway station to any railway station on Indian Railways except on Metro Railway Calcutta. These passes are not valid for journey in Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains.

Ministry of Railways have now decided that First class/ AC 2 tier complimentary card passes issued to PARAM VIR CHAKRA, MAHA VIR CHAKRA and VIR CHAKRA awardees may be made valid for travel in AC 2 tier/AC 3 tier of Rajdhani and chair car of Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi Express trains alongwith a companion in the same class. It is clarified that passes issued to other remaining three category of awardees namely Ashok Chakra, Kirti Chakra and Shaurya Chakra will not be valid for travel in Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi trains as hitherto.

A new format of First class/ AC 2 tier complimentary card passes in respect of Param Vir Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra and Vir Chakra awardees with same colour scheme as presently available in case of all the six Chakra series of Gallantry awardees ie. Orange with three Golden stripes across the face of the card pass below national emblem is being printed. However, till such time the

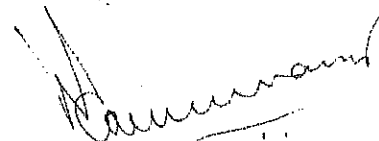
new format of complimentary card passes are available, the existing card passes should be utilised by affixing a rubber stamp as under:

**“ Valid for travel in AC 2 Tier /AC 3 Tier in Rajdhani, or Chair Car in Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi express trains alongwith a companion in the same class.”**

Other conditions as contained in the letters No E(W) 96 PS 5-6/22 dated 23.02.96 and 4.07.1996 will remain the same.

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

Please acknowledge receipt.



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Railway Board.**

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Director, Printing, Railway Board w.r.t. his D.O. Letter No.2003/RS(PTG.)/3(Stny) dated 31.1.2003. The format of the Card Pass may be got vetted by E(W) before final printing.

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