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Sub: 1st Class AC rail travel facilities in lieu of 2nd Class AC to ex-MPs.

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Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs may please refer to their U.O. No.F.4(10/2002-WS dated 28.12.2002 on the above mentioned subject. The views of the Ministry of Railways are as under.

Railways provide rail travel facilities in accordance with the provisions contained in the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954; according to Section 8(AA), former Members of Parliament are entitled to travel along with a companion in any train by any Railway in India in air-condition two-tier Class without payment of any charges. Cost of rail travel facilities provided to former Members of Parliament is raised by Railways against Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha Secretariats on the basis of booked journeys. Any change in the existing rail travel facilities to ex-MPs would require amendment in the Act ibid. Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs is the nodal Ministry for administering the said Act. It is, therefore, for them to take appropriate action in the matter.

It is, however, mentioned that I-AC accommodation is not available in all trains, and even on trains which do have I-AC accommodation the same is very limited. As such availability of accommodation to former Members of Parliament will be very limited, and will also affect the sitting MPs. This will further reduce availability of I-AC accommodation to travelling public which may be resented. This aspect may be kept in view while considering amending the Act to provide I-AC accommodation to former Members of Parliament when they travel alone.

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