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

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

New Delhi, Dated: 07-02-2014

NWR The General Manager(P),
All Zonal Railways.

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Sub: Complimentary Card passes issued on gallantry account to recipients of Chakra awards

Ref: Railway Board's letter No.E(W)96/PS 5-6/22 dated 23.02.1996 and 04.07.1996, letter No.E(W)2002/PS 5-6/99 dated 25.02.2003, letter No.E(W)2004/PS 5-6/55 dated 06.10.2004, letters No.E(W)2008/ PS 5-6/8 dated 09.04.2008, 13.05.2011, 16.05.2011 & 01.04.2013 and letter No.E(W)2004/PS 5-6/65 dated 06.07.2012.

In terms of policy notified under Railway Board's letters dated 23.02.1996 and 04.07.1996 referred to above, it has been decided to provide 1st Class/2nd AC Complimentary Card passes to gallantry account to Defence personnel recipients of Chakra awards and to widows of posthumous Chakra awardees viz. Param Vir Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra, Vir Chakra, Ashok Chakra, Kirti Chakra and Shaurya Chakra. The said Card pass entitles them to life-long free rail travel in 1st Class/2nd AC alongwith one companion in same Class over all Indian Railways (except Metro Railway/ Kolkata) by any train other than Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains. Through subsequent decisions as notified in terms of Board's letters dated 25.02.2003, 09.04.2008 and 13.05.2011, the Card passes issued to Chakra awardees have been made available for travel by 2A/3A in Rajdhani trains and by Chair Car (CC) in Shatabdi trains. In terms of Board's letter dated 06.10.2004, the facility of Complimentary Card pass has been extended to the widow of Chakra awardee after his death. The aforesaid facility of Complimentary Card pass has been further extended to parents of unmarried posthumous Chakra awardees in terms of letter dated 16.05.2011 and 01.04.2013 and to Civilian recipients of Chakra awards vide Board's letter dated 06.07.2012.

2. Ministry of Railway (Railway Board) have now decided that 1st Class/2nd AC Complimentary Card passes being provided to recipients of Param Vir Chakra and Maha Vir Chakra shall also be valid for travel by 1st AC Class/Executive Class for self and a companion over all Indian Railways (except Metro Railway/Kolkata) inclusive of Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duronto trains, in addition to the rail travel facility already admissible to them. Accordingly, suitable endorsement may be made on the Complimentary Card passes issued to recipients of Param Vir Chakra and Maha Vir Chakra.

3. Other conditions of the scheme to grant Complimentary Card passes to Chakra awardees shall remain the same.

4. This issues with the approval of Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways.

Please acknowledge receipt.

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