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To.

All DRMs / CWMs & Units Incharge,

C/- Genl. Secy., WREU-GTR / WRMS-BCT.

C/- GS-All India SC/ST Rly Employees. Assn, 'W' Zone, Mumbai

C/- GS-All India OBC Rly Empl. Assn, Mumbai.

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

A copy of Railway Board's letter No. E(W)2008/PS5-6/8 dated 16.5.2011 (RBE No. 65/2011) is sent herewith for information, guidance and necessary action.

Sr No	Railway Board's letter No. and date	Circulate under this office letter No and date and P.S. No.
1	E(W)96/PS5-6/61 dt. 23.2.96	E(Pass)768/44 dt. 11.3.96 P.S. No. 36/96
2	E(W)96/PS5-6/22 dt.04.07.96	E(Pass)768/44 dt. 15.7.96 P.S. No. 87/96
3	25.2.2003	E(Pass)768/44 dt. 28.2.03 P.S. No. 43/2003
4	E(W)2008/PS5-6/55 dt. 09.4.2008	E(Pass)768/44 dt. 17.4.08

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for General Manager(E).

Copy of Railway Board's letter No. E(W)2008/PS5-6/8 dated 16.5.2011 (RBE No. 65/2011) addressed to the General Managers, All Indian Railway and others.

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

Ref: This office letters No. E(W)96/PS5-6/22 dt. 23.2.96 and 4.7.96, No. E(W)2002/PS5-6/99 dt. 25.2.2003. No. E(W)2004/PS5-6/55 dated 6.10.2004,No.E(W)2008/PS5-6/55 dtd.9.4.2008 and dtd 13.5.2011.

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In terms of this Ministry's letters dated 23.2.96 and 4.7.96, referred to above, instructions were issued for grant of 1st Class / 2nd Class 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 Khakara, 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 25.2.2003, 9.4.2008 and 13.5.2011, 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 letter dated 6.10.2004, the facility of Complimentary Card pass has been extended to the widow after the death of such a gallantry awardee.

- regarding extension of the aforesaid facility 2. The issue Complimentary Card passes to the parents of unmarried personnel from the armed forces who have been awarded Param Vir 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 maybe 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 Chakra awardees viz. travel facility over all Indian Railways (except Metro Railway/ Kolkata) by 1st Class /2nd Class 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 alongwith him/her. However, when both the parents are traveling 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.