

**Government of India**

**Ministry of Railways**

**(Railway Board)**

No : E(W)/2008/PS 5-6/28

New Delhi, Dated 01-04-2013

The General Manager (P)  
All Zonal Railways

**Sub : Extension of facility of Complimentary Card passes to parents of unmarried posthumous Chakra awardees and awardees of Police Gallantry Medals.**

Ref : Railway Board's letter No E(W)/96/PS 5-6/22 dated 23.02.96, 04-07-96, 29-10-96 and subsequent letters including letter of even number dated 16-05-2011.

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As per extant policy Ministry of Railways provides 1<sup>st</sup> Class/ 2<sup>nd</sup> AC Complimentary Card passes to Gallantry Awardees who are recipients of Chakra Awards viz. Param Vir Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra, Vir Chakra, Ashok Chakra, Kirti Chakra and Shaurya Chakra and to Police Gallantry Awardees. i.e. recipients of President's Police Medal for Gallantry (PPMG) and Police Medal for Gallantry (PMG). The aforesaid Card pass entitles them life long free rail travel for self along with one companion in same class, by 1<sup>st</sup> Class, 2<sup>nd</sup> AC over all Indian Railways (except Metro Railway/Kolkata) by any train other than Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains. There have been further expansion/liberalization in the scheme and Chakra awardees have since been permitted travel by Rajdhani/Shatabdi train also on the complimentary Card pass issued to them. Such card pass facility has been provided to the widow of posthumous awardees as also to widow of the gallantry awardee after his death in normal course. In terms of Board's letter of even number dated 16-05-2011, the facility of Complimentary Card pass has been extended to the parents of unmarried posthumous awardees of Param Vir Chakra and Ashok Chakra.

2. The issue regarding extension of the facility of Complimentary card passes to the parents of unmarried posthumous awardees of remaining Chakra awards and of Police gallantry medals had been under consideration of this Ministry and it has now been decided to extend the aforesaid facility of Complimentary Card passes to them also. Accordingly, 1<sup>st</sup> Class/ 2<sup>nd</sup> AC Complimentary Card passes may be issued in the joint name of parents of unmarried posthumous awardees of Maha Vir Chakra, Vir Chakra, Kirti Chakra, Shaurya Chakra, President's Police Medal for Gallantry (PPMG) and Police Medal for Gallantry (PMG) with similar facilities of rail travel as are available to gallantry awardees on such complimentary card passes. 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 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. Please acknowledge receipt.

Sd/-x-x-x-x-x-x-  
(Debasis Mazumdar)  
Director Establishment (Welfare)  
Railway Board

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