

Need to restore railway concession and other facilities to accredited press correspondents ? laid

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Press Council of India is playing a pivotal role in disseminating news and information to people, preserving freedom of press and maintaining ethical, moral and professional standards among its fraternity. As a part of duty, journalists are required to travel extensively to perform their professional assignments and Railways used to provide them concession in fares till COVID. Railways, after restoration of all trains post-COVID, is, no doubt, restored many concessions extended before COVID. And, there is also no doubt that Railway is giving concessions of more than Rs.50,000 crores annually to various categories of passengers. But, concession given to Accredited Press Correspondents has not been restored. This puts extra financial burden on journalists and hence they have been requesting for restoring concessions they used to get prior to COVID. Hence, I appeal the Hon'ble Minister of Railways and Hon'ble Prime Minister to restore concession and other facilities to Accredited Press Correspondents forthwith.

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