

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:278
ANSWERED ON:16.12.1999
FREE RAIL PASSES
CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA;KANTI SINGH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) The criteria fixed for issuing Free Railway passes to different categories;
- (b) the number of Free Railway Passes issued during the last two years, category-wise;
- (c) whether the Ministry has renewed Free Railway Passes issued during the last three years;
- (d) If so, the names of persons and institutions whose passes have been renewed along with the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Railways have decided to stop issuing all route first class free passes to social workers, institutions/journalists and other important persons from October 1999;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (g) whether the Government are aware that the free passes issued earlier are being misused; and
- (h) if so, the number of complaints received during the last two years in this regard and the details of action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (h) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 278 BY CHANDRESH PATEL AND SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.1999 REGARDING FREE RAIL PASSES

(a): Complimentary card passes are issued to different categories as per the schemes announced from time to time and also under the discretionary powers of the Minister of Railways.

(b) The number of complimentary free railway passes issued during the last two years category-wise are as follows:

Category No. of passes issued
 during the last two
 years (from 1.1.98 to 30.11.1999)

 1998 1999
I. Card Passes:

1) Freedom Fighters. (cost borne by Ministry of Home Affairs) 32,500 25,454

2) Arjuna Awardees/Olympic Medalists/
Asian & Commonwealth Gold Medalists/
Dronacharya Awardees. 371 84

3) Winners of Chakra series Gallantry Awards (Defence). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha

- 4) Winners of President's Police Medal For Gallantry & Police Medal for Gallantry (Police). -do-
- 5) Presidents/Secretaries of National Sports Federations of India, Indian Olympic Association and State Olympic Associations affiliated to Indian Olympic Association. 19 49
- 6) Non-official Members of Hindi Salahakar Samiti. 35 9
- 7) Ex. MRs/MOS(R)s/DMRs. 1 6
- 8) Eminent persons/Organisations engaged in social/cultural/educational/sports/welfare activities & others on medical grounds, etc. under the discretionary powers of Minister for Railways. 106 317

II. Cheque Passes (Complimentary single journey to and fro passes)

- 1) Licensed Porters. Information is being Collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.
- 2) Individuals and organisations engaged in social, cultural, educational, sports and welfare activities under the discretionary powers of Minister for Railways, Minister of State for Railways & Railway Board, as per guidelines evolved by the Ministry of Railways. 1690 950

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The complimentary card passes in respect of categories (1) to (7) mentioned in part (b) of the reply are renewable after one/two years, except in the case of ex-MR/MOS(R)/DMR for whom Passes are issued for life time and no renewal is required. The complimentary card passes under the discretionary powers of Minister for Railways renewed during the last three years are shown in the Appendix.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) It has been decided to discontinue issue of fresh complimentary card passes under discretionary powers as an austerity measure.

(g) Yes, Sir.

(h) Five cases of misuse of free rail passes have been detected during the years 1998 and 1999 (upto November 1999). In one case the pass has been cancelled, and in the other cases the passes have been confiscated.

Appendix referred to in reply to part(d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.278 for 16.12.1999

List of names of persons and institutions whose passes have been renewed during the last 3 years.

1. K. Yadav Reddy
2. Nasib Pathan
3. Km. Champa Rao
4. Arvind Chaturvedi
5. A.K. Singh
6. One representative of Kanchi Kamakothi
7. Peethadi Peeth
8. Tej Narain Yadav
9. K. Birendra Pratap Singh
9. Surendra Sharma
10. B. Chandrashekhar
11. V.V. Eswaran
12. 3 Members of SPIC MACAY
13. S.D. Arya
14. Mrs. K. Devi
15. Office bearer of L.B. Shastri Seva Niketan
16. Prem Nath Singh
17. Suresh Kumar
18. Mrs. Manjula Kaushik
19. Charan Lal Sahu
20. S.M. Asif
21. H.C. Bariwal
22. J. Prajapati
23. Afaq Ahmed Khan
24. Surymani Bhioquade
25. Pyarelal Saroj
26. Daulat Ram Jain
27. Swami Budhanandji Maharaj
28. M.S.D. Singh
29. Mrs. Kanchan & Shri K. Krishna
30. J.B. Raju
31. B.P. Mukherjee
32. Ishtiaq Ahmed
33. Devi Das Gupta
34. Smt. Nirmala Bhagey
35. Govind Ram Chouhan
36. Rohitaswa Kumar
37. S.K. Rungta
38. S.B. Pandey
39. Ashok Singh
40. Swami Atmagyananandji
41. Mohd. Madani
42. Awadesh Kumar Singh
43. Smt. Shashi Singh Yadav
44. Vijay Pratap Singh
45. Ajit Kumar Singh
46. Smt. Santosh Bhardwaj
47. Ram Ratan Singh
48. R. Dubey
49. Arun Kumar Verma
50. Ms Ratna Vohra
51. Mahadev Roy
52. Mukesh Kumar Patel
53. Hare Ram Guru
54. J.S. Dhal
55. Smt. Laxi Devi
56. Dr. K.S. Hora
57. Ms. Mamta Rani Singh
58. L.B. Choubey
59. Smt. Jaimala Jain
60. G.M. Alhat
61. Jagdish Arora
62. Sumesh Mishra
63. Girish Rastogi
64. S.P. Mishra
65. Manoj Saluja
66. Smt. Usha
67. Swami Harinarayan Nand
68. Sambha Pd. Singh
69. J.G. Augad
70. Office bearer of R.K. Mission
71. Sankar Suhel
72. Ghan Shyam Sharma
73. Prasant Kumar Shahi
74. Atul Kumar Anjan
75. Ashok Singh
76. Hamid Ali
77. B.V. Raman
78. Yogendra Khanduri
79. Mahasukhlal B. Kamdar
80. Dr. Nerella Venu Madhav
81. M.W. Siddiqui
82. H.I. Siddiqui
83. Mata Kalyani
84. Atul Trivedi
85. Ch. Keerthi
86. K. Vikram Rao
87. Moulana Jameel Ahmed Ilyasi
88. Swami Trigunanandaji
89. Shatrujit Singh
90. B.B. Singh
91. H.N. Sharma
92. Office-bearers of All India Urdu Writers and Journalists Forum for National Integration.
93. Pramod Tiwari
94. T.R. Ramkrishnan
95. Dr. G. Muniratnam
96. Vijay Pal Singh Tomar
97. Sister Mary Mascarenhas
98. Vedacharya Ghaisas Guriji
99. Ms Prabhat Shobha Pandit
100. T.G.K. Menon
101. Rajendra Tiwari
102. Ajay Kumar Nishad
103. Smt. G. Sarala Kumari
104. N.K. Venkateswar
105. Sunder Lal Bahuguna
106. Dharmavatsal Das & Muni Vatsal Das
107. Iswar Chandra Das & Vishavavihari Das
108. Sister M. Nirmala, Missionary of Charity
109. Sant Vivek Das Acharya
110. Sanjay Kumar Singh
111. Kanchi Kamakothi Peethadipeth
112. H.H. Swami Narayan Nand Bharati
113. Moulana Fuzail Ahmed Quasmi
114. Hariom Jatiya
115. B.Y. Parit
116. Ms Pramila Thakur
117. Ms. Sudha Varde
118. Ms Champa Limaya
119. Sunil Shastri
120. Man Mohan Choudhury
121. Ms. Deepa Kaul
122. Shams Ur Huda Shams
123. Smt. K.C. Ajmera
124. Arshadul Quadri
125. Dewar Syed Zainul Abedin
126. Rajiv Kumar
127. Mukesh Chandra
128. Aboobacker Moulavi
129. Faizul Arefeen Ghulam
130. R.S. Govai
131. Shahbzada Abdul Rahman
132. Ustad Bismillah Khan & Party
133. Choudhary Gangaram
134. Ms Sudha Pandey
135. Barjesh Nigam
136. M.C. Biwal
137. S.K. Bandopadhyaya Association
138. Office-bearers of Indian Adult Education
139. Sheikh Abu Baker
140. Shakeel Chandra
141. M.M. Bahuguna
142. Zafar Iqbal

143. Madhukar Sighe 144. Justice R.K. Shukla
145. Chandmal Kumawat 146. Mithilesh Dwivedi
147. Fuzail Ahmed Qasi 148. Capt. Abbas Ali
149. Ms Manorama 150. D. Sunderani
151. Parmanand Pandey 152. Srinivas Giri Maharaj
153. Lalan Prasad Vyas 154. S.J. Anand
155. Three Members of SPIC MACAY 156. Three Members of SPIC MACAY
157. One representative of 158. One representative of
Kanchi Kamakothi Peethadi Kanchi Kamakothi Peethadi Peeth
Peeth

159. Dr. S. Kumar & two others 160. L.M. Jain (The Bharat Scouts & Guides)
(The Bharat Scouts & Guides)

161. Two sisters of Missionaries 162. Two Brothers of Missionaries
of Charity of Charity