

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1792
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RAILWAY PASSES TO WRITERS/ARTISTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railway are contemplating to provide complementary railway passes to the writers/artists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a) : No, Sir. Renowned writers/artists are provided complimentary passes by the Ministry of Railways only under discretionary powers of Minister of Railways on the basis of guidelines framed pursuant to directions of Hon`ble Delhi High Court in a Public Interest Litigation.
- (b) : Does not arise.
- (c) : Any expansion of the scheme of grant of complimentary passes so as to include various other categories of persons is not considered feasible in view of financial and other repercussions.