

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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RAILWAY PASSES TO HOCKEY PLAYERS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the free Railway Passes have not been issued to the players of the World Cup Winner Hockey Team in 1975 despite the announcement was made in this regard;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefore; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways for issue of free rail passes to the above hockey players as per the announcement made in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): As per extant policy, Complimentary Railway Passes are being issued by Railways to sportspersons who are Arjuna Award Winners, Olympic Medalists, Gold Medalists of Asian Games and Commonwealth Games and Dronacharya Award winners. Since the policy does not cover World Cup Winner Awardees of any sport, such sportspersons are not eligible for issue of free Railway passes.

(c): Does not arise.