

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3289
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FREE RAIL PASSES TO RAILWAY EMPLOYEES
Reddy Shri S.P.Y.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount spent by the Railways on providing free rail passes to their employees during each of the last three years, till date;
- (b) whether the Expenditure Reform Commission has recently recommended to the Government that expenditure on this account be curtailed substantially; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Railways administration thereto?

Answer

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

- (a): Passes to Railway Employees are given free of cost and as such its cost is not computed.
- (b): Yes, Sir.
- (c): The recommendations of the Expenditure Reform Commission to discontinue the passes to railway employees has not been found feasible for acceptance by Railways and the Committee of Secretaries. The disagreement is being conveyed to the Cabinet.