

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3744

ANSWERED ON:25.08.2011

COMPLEMENTARY PASSES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways issue complimentary/free passes to various categories of people, both official and non-official including general category of people;
- (b) if so, the criteria/guidelines laid in this regard;
- (c) the category-wise passes issued as on April, 2011 alongwith their validity;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to end the scheme of free passes; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H.MUNIYAPPA)

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
- (c): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.
- (d): No, Madam.
- (e): Does not arise.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3744 BY SHRI A.VENKATA RAMI REDDY & SHRI SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 25.08.2011 REGARDING COMPLIMENTARY PASSES.

(b): Criteria/guidelines for issue of Complimentary Card Passes are as under:

1. Freedom Fighters/their widows receiving pension under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme of the Government of India (Cost borne by Ministry of Home Affairs).
2. Sports persons who are Arjuna Awardees/Olympic Medalists/Asian & Commonwealth Games Gold Medalists/ Dronacharya Awardees.
3. Defence personnel recipients of Chakra series gallantry awards viz. Param Vir Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra, Vir Chakra, Ashoka Chakra, Kirti Chakra and Shaurya Chakra.
4. Police personnel recipients of President's Police Medal for Gallantry and Police Medal for Gallantry.
5. Non - official Members of Railway Hindi Salahkar Samiti.
6. One office bearer each of the four organizations namely Kendriya Sachivalaya Hindi Parishad, Nagrik Pracharini Sabha/ Varanasi, Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti / Wardha and Akhil Bharatiya Hindi Sansthan engaged in propagation of Hindi.
7. Ex-Minister of Railways/Minister of State for Railways/ Deputy Railway Minister.
8. Bharat Ratna Awardees.
9. Complimentary card/cheque passes under discretionary powers of Minister of Railways.