

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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PASSES/CONCESSION TO VARIOUS CATEGORIES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria adopted for providing concessions/ passes to individuals and organizations by the Railways;
- (b) the details of concessions and passes issued to various individuals and organizations by the Railways during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Railways have received any proposal to issue passes to Scheduled Tribe families living the below poverty line once in a year to visit various religious places in the country; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Railways thereto?

Answer

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

(a): & (b): Railways grant concessions to different categories of persons like persons with serious medical affliction, artists, sports persons, war widows, senior citizens, students, etc. These concessions are granted on account of severe medical afflictions/ disability, exemplary contributions in various fields, advanced age and for the promotion of education etc.

Railway Passes are issued to Railway employees as per Railway Servants (Pass) Rules, 1986, 1993 edition. Indian Railways also issues complimentary Card passes to various categories of persons such as Freedom Fighters, Gallantry awardees (Defence & Police Personnel), Meritorious Sportspersons, Bharat Ratna awardees etc. as per policy framed in this regard. Complimentary Card Passes and Cheque Passes are also issued under discretionary powers of Railway Ministers as per guidelines framed. However, this data is not centrally maintained.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.