

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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FREE RAIL TICKETS FOR SPORTS PERSONS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that national level sports persons are provided the facility of free tickets in Express trains in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of national level sports persons currently availing such facility, State-wise; and
- (c) whether the Railways are considering the proposal to provide free tickets to sports persons in 3AC and 2AC compartments and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): Under the extant policy following categories of sports persons are provided 1st Class/2nd AC Complimentary Card passes by the Ministry of Railways for free rail travel :-

1. Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardees
2. Olympic Medalists
3. Arjuna Awardees
4. Dronacharya Awardees
5. Dhyan Chand Awardees
6. Gold Medalists in Asian & Commonwealth Games.

Such Card Passes are issued to the sports persons from Railway Board entitling them to life-long free rail travel for self in 1st Class/2nd AC over all Indian Railways (except Metro Railway/Kolkata) by all mail/express trains. Sports persons other than Gold Medalists in Asian and Commonwealth Games are entitled to travel by 2A/3A in Rajdhani trains, Chair Car (CC) in Shatabdi trains and also by Duronto trains on the authority of the said Card pass. On attaining the age of 65 years, facility of one companion in same Class is also allowed on the Card pass. Such Card passes are issued with a validity period of two years to be renewed every two years.

At present 633 sports-persons are availing the facility of Complimentary Card pass.

State-wise figures are not maintained.

(c): No, Madam.