

**Supply of Water**

2311. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that thousands of people in various villages of Union Territory of Chandigarh, who have constructed their houses outside the Lal Dara have not been given the water and electricity connections;

(b) if so, the time by which the Government propose to give the water and electricity connections to these people;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any survey about it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) No report from Chandigarh Administration has been received in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

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[Translation]

**Renewal of Free Rail Passes**

2312. SHRI RATILAK KALIDAS VARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has renewed the all route first-class honorary free passes issued before 1997;

(b) if so, the names of persons and institutions whose passes have been renewed alongwith the reasons therefore; and

(c) the authorities empowered to renew such passes alongwith the criteria laid down therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) Complimentary Card Passes issued to various categories as per schemes announced from time to time have a validity of one year and are eligible for renewal on year to year basis. Apart from these, Complimentary Card Passes are issued at the personal discretion of Minister of Railways, as per the prescribed guidelines, to eminent persons and organisations engaged in social, cultural, educational, sports and welfare activities and on compassionate/medical grounds. These discretionary Card Passes are renewed on merits, on the authority of Minister of Railways. The list of Card Passes which have been issued before 1997 and renewed on expiry of their validity is as under:—

S.No.	Name of Person	Card Pass Number	Class of Travel
1	2	3	4
1.	Shri Shatruijit Singh	5167	1st Class/2AC
2.	Shri S.M. Asif	5169	1st Class/2AC
3.	Shri B.B. Singh	5173	1st Class/2AC
4.	Smt. Deepa Kaul	5174	1st Class/2AC
5.	Shri Shams-ul-Huda Shams	5175	1st Class/2AC
6.	Shri Atul Trivedi	5176	1st Class/2AC