

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

No. E(W) 96 PS 5-8/2

New Delhi, dated 09-09-2009

**The General Managers (P)
All Indian Railways &
Production Units.**

Sub: Provision of companion in lieu of attendant to First Class/Ist 'A' Post Retirement Complimentary Pass/Widow Pass holders who are of 70 years of age and above.

In terms of the provisions contained in Schedule-IV (Post Retirement Complimentary Pass) & Schedule-V (Widow Pass) of the Railway Servants (Pass) Rules, 1986 (Second Edition, 1993), retired Railway employees/Widows of 65 years of age and above entitled to Ist Class/Ist 'A' Post Retirement Complimentary/Widow Passes are entitled to the facility of companion in higher class on payment of full difference of fare between Sleeper Class/II Class and the class in which the retired Railway employee/Widow in all trains other than Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains travels, subject to the conditions laid down in the said Pass Rules.

2. On receipt of a demand from certain retired Railway employees for permitting companion in the same higher class in which the First Class/Ist 'A' Post Retirement Complimentary/Widow Pass holder travels, without payment of difference of fare, the matter has been considered carefully by the Board and it has been decided that retired Railway employees/Widows of 70 years of age and above, who are entitled to Ist Class/Ist 'A' Post Retirement Complimentary/Widow Passes may be allowed to take a companion in the same class by paying 1/3rd of the difference of fare between Sleeper Class/II Class and the higher class in which the retired Railway employee/Widow travels in all trains, including Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains, subject to the existing restriction regarding number of berths in Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains.

3. The facility of companion to such retired Railway employees/Widows who are of 70 years of age and above, as indicated above, will be subject to the condition that the pass holder is not accompanied by any other member of his/her family who is below 70 years of age. In other words, if any member of his/her family is below 70 years of age and he/she travels alongwith the pass holder, the facility of companion in the same class by paying 1/3rd difference of fare between Sleeper Class/II Class and the higher class shall not be available.

4. At the time of application for Post Retirement Complimentary/Widow Pass, the retired Railway employee/Widow of 70 years of age and above, who are entitled to Ist Class/Ist 'A' Post Retirement Complimentary/Widow Pass, shall exercise option regarding facility of companion being availed and in addition to the endorsement, as enclosed, being made on their Pass, stamp regarding their entitlement to the number of berth(s) in Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains shall also be made.

5. Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution, the President is pleased to direct that Schedules IV & V of the Railway Servants (Pass) Rules, 1986 (Second Edition, 1993) shall be amended as in the ACS No. 66 enclosed.

6. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways.

7. Please acknowledge receipt.



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