

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

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New Delhi, dated, 5-06-2008

The General Secretary
All India Railwaymen's Federation
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Sir

Sub: Inclusion of escort in the Post Retirement Complimentary Passes to blind retired employee.

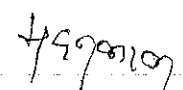
Ref: AIRF's Letter No. AIRF/82 (481) dated 18-12-2007.

In terms of Item (xxv) Schedule II of Railway Servants (Pass) Rules, 1986 (Second Edition, 1993) higher class of pass on privilege account with an escort in the same class to non-gazetted physically handicapped Railway employees who are eligible for second class pass as per the normal entitlement is admissible only to physically handicapped employees. These orders are not applicable to those Railway employees who are visually handicapped i.e. blind in both eyes.

2. It may be stated that in terms of Item 3 (iii) of Schedule II to Railway Servants (Pass) Rules, 1986 (Second Edition, 1993) when the Railway servant himself or a member of his family or a dependent is blind in both eyes and has to travel alone on a Privilege Pass, one attendant is allowed to travel in the same class in which the blind person is travelling. Any further liberalisation in the existing pass facility to the visually handicapped Railway employees is not feasible. It is therefore, not possible to grant higher class of pass on Privilege account, with an escort in the same class, to those visually handicapped Railway employees who are eligible for Second Class Pass as per the entitlement.

3. Similar conditions as brought out in the para '2' above are applicable in case of retired Railway employees.

Yours faithfully


For Secretary, Railway Board