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

No. E(W)95PS5-1/29 Rail Bhavan, New Delhi-110001 dt. 13.06.2003

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways,
New Zones & Production Units.

**Sub: Post-Retirement Complimentary Passes to widows appointed
on compassionate grounds.**

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In terms of Board's letter No. E(W)85PS5-8/2 dated 30.06.1987, widows shall not be eligible for Widow Pass facilities if they themselves become eligible for Privilege Pass due to their own appointment on Railways or if they become eligible for being included in the Privilege Pass/PTOs of their sons/daughters on their appointment on Railways. This has resulted in a situation where a widow appointed on compassionate grounds on Railways and retired before completion of 20 years Railway service is deprived of Post-retirement passes as well as Widow Pass facility after retirement from Railways. Arising out of a demand from NFIR, the matter has been reviewed and it has been decided by Board that such of the widows as are appointed on Railways may be given options, at two stages, as under:

- (a) At the time of appointment on Railways whether the pass entitlement shall be governed by 'Widow Pass Scheme' or 'Privilege Pass/PTO Scheme' in her capacity as a Railway servant.
- (b) On her retirement, the widow may be given another option either to be governed by the Widow Pass Scheme or to be governed by Post-retirement Complimentary Pass Scheme in her capacity as a retired Railway servant and in accordance with her status.

2. In both the cases, option once exercised shall be final.

3. The Class of Pass under the Widow Pass Scheme shall be with reference to the entitlement of the deceased Railway employee.

4. In view of the above, Schedule V/Widow Pass of Railway Servants (Pass) Rules, 1986 (2nd Edition 1993) may be amended as in Advance Correction Slip No. 40 enclosed.

5. This has the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.


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**ADVANCE CORRECTION SLIP NO. 40 TO THE RAILWAY SERVANTS'
(PASS) RULES, 1986 (2ND EDITION, 1993)**

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Add the following after Item (ii)(b) under Column 3 of Schedule-V:

" Widows who are appointed on compassionate grounds may be given an option to be exercised at the time of appointment whether they would like to avail of the pass facilities as a Railway servant or would like to continue the entitlement under the Widow Pass scheme. Option once exercised shall be final.

At the time of retirement/quitting Railway service, a similar option may be given to such widows either to be governed by the Widow Pass Scheme or to be governed by the Post-retirement Complimentary Pass Scheme in her capacity as a retired Railway servant and in accordance with her status. Such option once exercised shall be final."

(Authority: Board's letter No. E(W)95PS5-1/29 dated 13.06.2003)

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