भारत सरकार Government of India रेल मंत्रालय Ministry of Railways रेलवे बोर्ड (Railway Board)

No. E(W)2012/PS 5-14/1

New Delhi, Dated: 20-07-2012

The General Managers (P), All Zonal Railways.

Sub: Complimentary Card Passes issued to Arjuna Awardees.

Ref: Railway Board's letters No. E(W)95/PS 5-6/61 dated 23-02-1996 and 20-05-1999 and E(W)97/PS 5-6/34 dated 10-09-1997

As per extant policy, Ministry of Railways provides 1st Class/2nd AC Complimentary Card passes to meritorious sports-persons who are Arjuna Awardees, Olympic Medalists, Gold Medalists in Asian or Commonwealth Games or Dronacharya Awardees. The said Card pass entitles them life-long free rail travel for self only in 1st Class/2nd AC over all-Indian Railways (except Metro Railway/Kolkata) by any train other than Rajdhani/ Shatabdi trains. The policy further prescribes that sports-person is entitled to facility of a companion in the same Class on the aforesaid Card pass on attaining the age of 65 years. Railway Board's letters mentioned above refer in this regard.

- 2. It has now been decided by Ministry of Railways that Complimentary Card passes issued to sports-persons who are Arjuna Awardees shall henceforth be valid for travel in 2nd AC/3rd AC in Rajdhani trains and Chair Car (CC) in Shatabdi trains besides being valid for travel in 1st Class/2nd AC in other Mail/Express trains (except Duronto trains). It has been further decided that the companion allowed at the age of 65 years shall also be entitled to travel in the same Class along with Arjuna Awardees in Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains. It may be further mentioned that aforesaid travel facility by Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains shall be admissible only to Arjuna Awardees and not to other sports-persons who are provided with Complimentary Card passes.
- This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

(Debasis Mazumdar) Director Establishment (Welfare), Railway Board.

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