

**Government of India (Bharat Sarkar)
Ministry of Railways (Rail Mantralaya)
(Railway Board)**



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**The Chief Commercial Manager,
All Zonal Railways.**

Commercial Circular No. 53 /2013

Sub: Up-gradation of Companion to First Class/Ist A Post Retirement Complimentary Pass/Widow Pass holder who are of 70 years of age and above, by On-board ticket checking staff.

Instructions were issued vide Board's letter No.E(W)/96/PS 5-8/2 dated 09.09.2009 stipulating 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 can take a companion in same class by paying 1/3rd of the difference of fare between Sleeper Class/Ind 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.

2. A clarification has been sought as to whether On-board ticket checking staff can such up-gradation of companion in the train on realization of requisite difference of fare.

3. The matter has been examined and it has been decided that On-Board ticket checking staff may be allowed to upgrade the companion of retired Railway employees of 70 years and above on realization of 1/3rd difference of fare as per rule stipulated in Board's letter No.E(W)96 5-8/2 dated 09.09.2009 subject to the following conditions:

- i. On-board ticket checking staff should ensure that necessary endorsement on this account is made on the Pass and the age of employee should be 70 years or above.
- ii. The details of the Pass should also be indicated on the EFT issued for this purpose by the Ticket Checking staff.

4. This issues with the concurrence of Establishment Directorate of Ministry of Railways.


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