

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1810  
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FREE RAILWAY PASSES  
BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of free railway passes issued during the last six months;
- (b) the basis for issuing the said free passes;
- (c) whether the Government propose to provide the facility of free railway journey for treatment of serious ailments to the poor; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH )

(a) & (b) As a measure of economy and austerity, Complimentary Card passes are not being issued. Regarding Complimentary Cheque Passes, issued to meet emergency requirements, information is being collected from the Zonal Railways.

(c) & (d) Rules provide for issue of Cheque Passes ( For singlejourney/ to and fro journey )to individuals on medical grounds for major treatment / surgery etc. involving long distance travel, taking into account the financial position of the applicant and the medical need.