

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4948  
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2001  
FREE RAILWAY PASSES  
GADDE RAMAMOCHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI

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

- (a) the number of free railway passes issued by the railways during the last three years, category-wise;
- (b) the value of free railway passes availed by the railway staff during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government propose to issue instruction to concerned departments to bear these expenses; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS `(a)` TO `(d)` OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 4948 BY RAM MOHAN GADDE AND SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHI TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.04.2001 REGARDING FREE RAIL PASSES.

(a): Complimentary card passes are issued to different categories as per the schemes announced from time to time and also under the discretionary powers of Minister of Railways. The number of complimentary railway passes issued during the last three years category-wise are as follows:

Category	No. of passes issued during 1998-2000 (1.01.1998 to 31.12.2000)
CARD PASSES	
i) Freedom Fighters	Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha
ii) ArjunAwardees/Olympic Medalists/Asian & Commonwealth Gold Medalists/Dronacharya Awardees	746
iii) Winners of Chakra Series Gallantry Awards (Defence)	Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha
iv) Winners of President's Police Medal for Gallantry & Police Medal for Gallantry (Police).	-do-
v) Presidents/Secretaries of National Sports Federation of India, Olympic Associations affiliated to IOA.	124

vi) Non-official Members of Hindi Salahakar Samiti 80

vii) Ex. MRs/MOS(R)s/DMRs. 9

viii) Card Passes issued to eminent persons/Organisations engaged in social/cultural/educational/sports/welfare activities & others on medical grounds, etc. under the discretionary powers of Minister for Railways. 423

CHEQUE PASSES

i Licensed Porters Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha

ii) Individuals and Organisations engaged in social, cultural, educational, sports and welfare activities ) under the discretionary powers of Minister for Railways, Minister of State for Railways & Railway Board, as per guidelines evolved by the Ministry of Railways 826 (covering 3,222 persons)

(b): Railway employees are entitled to passes as a part of their service conditions. Hence the value is not computed.

(c): Reimbursement in respect of the cost of Complimentary Card passes issued to freedom fighters is borne by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Railway Ministry's request to other nodal Ministries to bear at least a part of the cost of Complimentary Card passes issued to other categories has not been agreed to.