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Title: Need to provide free travel passes for the parents of the Railway Employees.

SHRIMATI R. VANAROJA (TIRUVANNAMALAI): Respected Madam Speaker, the parents of the employees working in all the transport corporations across the country are entitled to free travel as these corporations issue free passes for them. I think such facilities are provided by other public sector undertakings too. But the Railways are not providing such facility to its employees. It has been one of the demands of the railway employees for a long time. If free travel is allowed for the aged parents of the employees of the Railways, this will help them a lot. The employees of the railways have to bear the travel expenses of their parents in case of transfer too.

Therefore, in the interest of the parents and employees of Railways, free travel passes for the parents of the Railway employees should be provided. This need not be unlimited free travel, but limited free travel also will help them a lot. I do not think that the Railways will have to bear a huge financial burden on this account. Therefore, I would like to urge upon the hon. Railway Minister to consider this proposal and implement the same at the earliest. This will bring cheers to both the employees of the Railways and also their parents. Thank you.