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Mamata's New Year Bonanza for Railways' Lowest Grade Pay Employees

The Minister of Railways, Mamata Banerjee has extended, for the first time, the facility of 3AC travel with family once in a year for the lowest grade pay employees of Indian Railways. These are the employees like Gangman, Khalasi etc. who work day and night to provide train services to our customers throughout the year in the most difficult situations. They will now have facility to travel once in a year with family in 3AC class on Indian Railways.

Mamata Banerjee provided this as a new year bonanza for all Railway employees based on new pay structure under 6th Central Pay Commission already implemented by the Government of India. This move of the Railway will lead to tremendous motivation to all levels of employees particularly those working in lower grades. Railwaymen in lower grade pay (Group 'D') were earlier not entitled to travel in AC classes.

This step bridges the gap and has been felicitated by all employees and federations. Revised entitlement of travel on railway passes has also extended AC 2-tier facilities to all Junior Engineers and their equivalent supervisors working in Grade Pay of Rs.4200/-. This new criteria of entitlement has also simultaneously simplified the existing rules for entitlement with only Grade Pay as the sole criterion as against multiple variables like scale of pay, pay and date of appointment which were prevailing earlier.

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