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**Sub:- The major problems and difficulties faced by the spouses of
accredited Journalists.**

Hon'ble Sir,

The Indian Journalists Union (IJU) greatly appreciates the fresh initiatives taken by the Indian Railways during the past two years to further extend the travel concessions to the accredited working journalists in the country. Their implementation at the ground level, however, has given rise to some problems whose redress is urgently required to ensure that the concessions fully benefit the intended beneficiaries.

The major problems and difficulties faced by the accredited newsmen are given below for your favourable consideration:

The spouses of accredited journalists have been granted travel concession for two to-and-fro journeys in a year, but the problems come if and when they plan any change in their plans for the onward/return journey. For, in that case they are required to return the tickets for both the onward journey as well as the return journey and to seek fresh tickets for both the to-and-fro journeys. This upsets the entire travel plan though one needs a change only in the date for one journey. Similarly, they are not allowed the return journey from any nearby station around the place visited. For example, a visitor to Dehra Dun is not permitted the return journey from Haridwar, though it is common for such visitors to travel down from Dehra Dun to the holy city by road and then take the train from there to their home towns.

We would request you, therefore, to kindly take effective action to ensure that the travel concessions granted by you duly reach the intended beneficiaries in letter and spirit by ordering the same facilities for changes in return journey, etc., to the spouses of accredited journalists as are available to their partners.

Soliciting early action and with kindest regards,

Yours Sincerely,

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