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Exercising the powers under section 60(2)(c) of the Railways Act, 1989 (24 of 1989) and section 22 of the General Clauses Act, 1897 (10 of 1897), the Central Government has made the following rules:-

1. Short title and commencement.-

(1) These are the Passengers (Change of Names) Rules, 1990.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of the commencement of the Railways Act, 1989 (24 of 1989).

2. Reservation cannot be ordinarily transferred.-

Ordinarily, a berth or a seat reserved in the name of a person can be used only by that person and cannot be transferred to any other person.

3. Circumstances in which reservation may be transferred.-

The berth or a seat reserved in the name of a person can be transferred to another person only under the following circumstances:

- a. *Family members* - the passenger makes a request 24 hours before the scheduled departure of the train that the reservation made in their name be transferred to their parent, sibling, child, or spouse;
- b. *Government servants* - the passenger is a Government servant (Central Government or State Government) proceeding on duty and the authority which approved the travel of that Government servant makes a request at least 24 hours before the scheduled departure of the train that the reservation made in the name of the Government servant be transferred to another Government servant proceeding on duty;
- c. *Students* - the passenger is a student of a recognised educational institution and the principal, Vice-Chancellor, Dean or any other person in-charge of the institution makes a request at least 48 hours before the scheduled departure of the train, that the reservation made in the name of the student be transferred to any other student of the same institution;
- d. *Marriage parties* - the passengers are members of a marriage party and any member makes a request at least 48 hours before the scheduled departure of the train that the reservation made in the name of one member of the marriage party be transferred to another member;
- e. *National Cadet Corps* - the passengers are cadets of National Cadet Corps and any officer who is the Head of the group makes a request at least 24 hours before the scheduled departure of the train that the reservation made in the name of a cadet be transferred to another cadet;



4. Procedure for transfer of reservation.-

For all the circumstances listed under rule 3, the request has to be made in writing to the Chief Reservation Supervisor by filling in and submitting the following form which is available on the website of Indian Railways.

[Insert form]

5. No transfer of reservation for non-confirmed or concessional tickets.-

Irrespective of anything written in rule 3, reservation cannot be transferred under any circumstances if the ticket:

- a. Is not confirmed; or
- b. has been issued on concession.