भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA रेल मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (रेलवे बोर्ड RAILWAY BOARD)

No. E(NG)I/2025/PM1/3

New Delhi, dated 26.05.2025

The General Managers(P)
All Zonal Railways/PUs.
(As per standard list)

Sub: Holding of computer based written examinations for departmental promotions.

Instructions had been issued vide letter no. E(NG)I/2018/PM 1/4 dated 14.12.2018 to conduct examination in Computer Based Test (CBT) mode or pen and paper mode depending upon the preparedness of the Railways. Vide E(NG)I/2022/PM 1/36 letter dated 16.01.2024instructionsforconductofpromotionalexaminationsthroughCBTcentralizedat zonal level were issued. Further, instructions were issued vide Board's letter no. E(NG)I/2025/PM1/3 dated 05.03.2025, cancelling all the pending Selections/LDCEs/GDCEs (within Group 'C') which have not been finalized or approved by 04.03.2025.

- 2. A committee was constituted by Railway Board to give a holistic recommendation on Streamlining the promotional examination through Computer based Test. The report of the committee has been deliberated upon and the following instructions are issued for holding the departmental selections in CBT mode through an Exam Conducting Agency (ECA):
 - a) ECA will be engaged by Railway Recruitment Board(RRB). The details of the same will be issued in due course by E(RRB).
 - b) The Computer Based Test (CBT) may be conducted at Zonal/Unit level by an ECA on Computer/Tablet mode.
 - c) The Question Paper Setter would be one of the three members of the appropriate Selection Committee as provided for in extant rules at the Zonal/Unit level.
 - d) The Question Paper Objection Tracker and Result to be arranged by the Examination Conducting Agency.
 - e) The empanelment to be done by the Selection Committee formed at the Units with due approval of the competent authority.
 - f) The nodal officer for coordination between Examination Conducting Agency and the Administration may be Sr DPO/Chairman RRC in the Zone and Dy CPO/SPO in a Production Unit.

3. A flow chart containing detailed activities involved is enclosed. With the issue of this letter, the instructions issued vide E(NG)I/2025/PM1/3 dated 05.03.2025, stand withdrawn restoring the status-quo ante.

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FLOW CHART OF ACTIVITIES IN HOLDING DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS THROUGH CBT

Engagement of ECA by the RRB

On receipt of ECA's engagement from RRB the Railways to decide to hold CBT at Unit Level or at Zonal Level depending on local conditions and ECA's capability.

In case the CBTs are decided to be held at the Zonal Level, Chairman/RRC in Railways and DyCPO/SPO in PUs to be nominated as Nodal Officer to co-ordinate between ECA and Administration. In case the CBTs are decided to be held at the Unit Level, SrDPO of the Division in Railways (for all units under the concerned Division's territorial jurisdiction) to be nominated as Nodal Officer to co-ordinate between ECA and Administration.

The Question Paper Setter, who would be one of the three members of an appropriate Selection Committee, to be nominated by the competent authority as per extant rules at the zonal level.

The Question Paper Setter, who would be one of the three members of an appropriate Selection Committee, to be nominated by the competent authority as per extant rules at the unit level.

The CBTs to be conducted through ECA at the zonal level by the Nodal Officer.

The CBTs to be conducted through ECA at the unit level by the Nodal Officer.

The Question paper tracker & result of the CBT to be arranged by the ECA.

The empanelment to be done by the Selection Committee at the unit level with due approval of competent authority.