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विषय/Sub :Promotions to Group 'B' posts on Indian Railways – Introduction of Centralized Computer Based Objective type examination (CBT) in all departments having Organised Services.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No.E(GP)2022/2/4 dated 04.10.2022 on the above subject is enclosed for information guidance and necessary action.

A copy of Railway Board's letter dated 28.06.2022 referred therein is enclosed for ready reference.

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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

No. E(GP)2022/2/4

New Delhi, dt: 04/10/2022

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways and Production Units.

(Kind attn.: PCPOs/PFAs/Dy.CPO(G)/Dy.CAO(G))

Sub.: Promotions to Group 'B' posts on Indian Railways - Introduction of Centralized Computer Based Objective type examination (CBT) in all departments having Organised Services.

Ref.: Board's letter no.E(GP)2022/2/4 dated 28.06.2022.

Further to this office letter of even number dated 28.06.2022, it is advised that the Centralised Computer based Objective type examination for 30% LDCE for promotion to Group 'B' posts shall be held tentatively in the middle of November, 2022. The final date shall be notified by NAIR shortly.

2. It may be ensured that the 70% cycle for all the selections for which 30% LDCE through CBT is scheduled, are completed and all prior requirements for the conduct of LDCE are also finalized by then. In this regard it is desired that relevant APARs/DAR/SPE/Vigilance clearance of all the candidates who are participating in the said LDCE may be kept ready to avoid delay in finalization of the result as the Panel is to be finalised by middle of December, 2022.

3. Board has also decided that an SAG officer and other staff including RPF personnel as required by NAIR may be deputed by the concerned Zones/PUs in each of the 'Examination Centers' where their candidates are appearing.

4. It has also been decided that the extant guidelines issued by E(NG) directorate and DOP&T's guidelines contained in their OM no.29-6/2019-DD-III dt.10.08.2022 are applicable for hiring of Scribes and giving extra time to candidates participating in the proposed CBT.

5. It has already been advised vide this office letter of even number dated 28.06.2022, that 70% Selection and 30% LDCE for promotion to Group 'B' posts in all Organised departments in the **vacancy cycle beginning from 1.1.2023** are to be conducted through the Centralised Computer based Objective type examination. Accordingly, the next 70% Selection for promotion to Group 'B' posts in all Organised Departments is

proposed to be conducted in February, 2023 by NAIR. Therefore, it is desired that assessment of vacancies arising in the next two years for the vacancy cycle beginning from 1.1.2023 till 31.12.2024 (excluding the further 6 months period for assessment) may be processed and notified. Thereafter, requisite 'Zone of consideration'/eligibility list etc. may also be finalised and Pre-Selection Training for reserved candidates should also be timely arranged and finalized by January, 2023.

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The Selections and Limited Departmental Competitive Examinations (LDCEs) for promotion to Group 'B' posts are presently conducted by the respective Zonal Railways/Production Units independently in terms of Recruitment Rules, provisions contained in the IREM Vol.I and instructions issued by the Board from time to time. As part of measures taken by the Board for bringing in reforms in the Selection process for promotion to Group 'B' posts on the Railways, instructions were issued vide Board's letter no.E(GP)2018/2/31 dated 19.03.2019 for including 100% objective type Multiple Choice Questions in the written examinations held as part of Selections and objective type pre-qualifying examination for LDCEs was also introduced .

2. Now, furthering these efforts, Board has decided to introduce **Centralized Computer Based Objective Type examination** for conducting 70% Selections and 30% LDCEs in all Department having Organised Services from the vacancy cycle beginning from w.e.f.1.1.2023.

3. To begin with LDCEs of current vacancy cycle, where Selections have since been conducted/or are being conducted and where LDCEs are yet to be notified or have been notified but written examination(Pre-qualifying) has not been held, will be conducted through Centralised CBT in all Organised departments as per modalities detailed as under:

i) The CBT shall be conducted by DG/NAIR who shall coordinate with the concerned Zones/PUs for its smooth conduct. All the Railways should advise the Department-wise, community-wise vacancies of their LDCE quotient of on-going vacancy cycle to DG/NAIR latest by 11th July. Herein, it is also clarified that the increase in the percentage of dispensation given to the Zones/PUs for inclusion of JTS/Gr.A vacancies in the vacancies assessed for Group 'B' selections in terms of instructions contained in Board's letter no.E(GP)2005/2/61 dated 20.06.2022 is applicable for assessment of

Group 'B' vacancies to be made for fresh vacancy cycle and the vacancies already notified are not to be amended.

ii) LDCE will be one stage only and will comprise of only 1 Paper with the following set up:

(a) Single paper of 150 marks comprising 100% Objective type Multiple Choice Questions with following distribution of marks:

(a)(i) Technical (Professional) subject	:	80 marks
(a)(ii) General Knowledge including optional Questions of 15 marks on Official language Policy & Rules	:	40 marks
(a)(iii) Establishment & Financial Rules	:	30 marks
(b) Qualifying Marks	:	90
(c) Duration	:	3 Hours

(iii) Question Paper will have 175 questions out of which 150 questions are to be attempted.

(iv) 1 mark will be allotted for every correct answer. There shall be negative marking for incorrect answers and $\frac{1}{3}^{\text{rd}}$ of Marks allotted for each question will be deducted for every wrong answer.

(v) **Syllabus-** Syllabus for LDCEs for Organised services has already been prescribed by Board. However, as it is based on old pattern when there were two Papers - Paper-I and Paper-II in the LDCEs, the Centralised CBT shall be held from the said syllabus after amalgamating the topics prescribed in Paper-I and Paper-II of respective syllabi.

(vi) Optional Questions on Official Language policy and Official Language Rules in the LDCEs shall be included in terms of provision contained in Para 204.3 of IREM Vol.I.

(vii) Examination for 30% LDCEs will be held on a single day only. On the same day exam for the post of APO will be held in the second shift so that candidates who have appeared in exam for AMM/ACM/AOM in the first shift and also want to appear for APO can do so in second shift. Similarly, exam for AME and AEE will also be held in different shifts with a gap of 3 hours between both the shifts.

(viii) Railway-wise list of candidates along with marks scored by them in the written examination will be prepared by DG/NAIR assigned the task of conducting the exams and will be furnished to respective Zones/PUs.