



SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Headquarters Office
Personnel Branch
Chennai - 600 003.

No. P(Co-ord)/CCBT/2024

Date: 17/10/2025

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DPOs/SPOs/WPOs/APOs of HQ/Divisions /Workshops/Units.

Sub: Streamlining the Promotion processes and Centralized Computer Based Test
(CCBT) for Selections / LDCE – **Calendar of Promotions** - Reg.

Ref: 1. Railway Board's letter No.E(NG)W2022/PM1/36 dt.08.02.2024
(RBE 11/2024 PBC 21/2024).
2. This office letter No. P(Co.ord)CCBT/2024 dated 20.11.2024
(PBC No.253/2024).

Southern Railway has successfully implemented Centralized Computer Based Test as outlined in PBC No. 253/2024. Further, detailed instructions have already been issued regarding the conduct of Computer Based Tests including the standard protocol for conducting this Test. While CBT was introduced for a few selections for the year 2025 on a pilot basis, it has now been decided to issue comprehensive instructions so that all promotions based on selections, LDCEs, suitability and trade tests are conducted all over Southern Railway **in a time bound manner**.

The **Calendar of Promotions** for the year 2026 for filling up of vacancies through Non-Selection and Selection modes including Trade Tests, Seniority with prescribed benchmark, Suitability assessed through Written Test under PRQ, LDCE and General Selections by inviting applications from employees of more than one Cadre/Department in enclosed.

All Divisions/Units are advised to prepare the **Calendar of Promotions** for all categories of posts for the year 2026 based on the above timelines and sent to HQ on or before **15.11.2025**.

All Divisions/Workshops/Units are advised to strictly adhere to the prescribed timelines duly ensuring compliance of all extant instructions so as to ensure timely promotions to employees.


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Divisions/Workshops/Units, which are not able to adhere to the prescribed timelines for completing these promotion process for any specific category/mode should seek the approval of PCPO for the same with detailed justification along with the recommendations of the DRM/CWM concerned.

This has the approval of Principal Chief Personnel Officer.

Encl: Calendar of Promotions, 2026


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(V. Swaminathan)
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for Principal Chief Personnel Officer

Copy, along with enclosure, to:

The General Secretary/SRMU
The General Secretary / DREU
The General Secretary/AISCTREA
The General Secretary/AIOBCREA
The General Secretary/NFIR
IT Section/PB/HQ - to upload in the SR website.

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CALENDAR OF PROMOTIONS, 2026 (Annexure to PBC No.209/2025 dated 17.10.2025)

I. General Instructions

- i) Various modes of promotions are broadly categorized as follows:

Sl. No.	Modes of Promotions	Category
1.	Promotions to non-selection posts through Trade Test	PQ (TT)
2.	Promotions to non-selection posts (Seniority with prescribed benchmark)	PQ (NS)
3.	Promotions to Selection posts against PRQ where employees called in the ratio of 1:3 based on seniority	PQ (S)
4.	Promotions to Selection posts against PRQ where employees from different categories of posts/departments are invited to apply	PQ (A)
5.	Promotions to Selection posts against LDCE quota	LDCE

TIMELINES

II. PQ(S), PQ(A) and LDCE for all posts in Pay Level-6 and above

S.No.	Activity	PQ(S)	PQ(A)	LDCE
1.	Vacancy Assessment Period	01.01.2026 to 31.03.2027		
2.	Assessment of vacancies, roster certification, approval of the competent authority	Latest by 21.01.2026		
3.	Issue of Notification	Latest by 10.02.2026 (along with eligibility list)	Latest by 30.01.2026	Latest by 30.01.2026 (with provisional vacancies)
4.	Closing Date for receipt of applications	-	Latest by 25.02.2026	Latest by 25.02.2026
5.	Finalization of Eligibility List	-	Latest by 05.03.2026	Latest by 05.03.2026
6.	PPT to be completed	Latest by 27.02.2026	Latest by 10.04.2026	Latest by 10.04.2026
7.	Written Examination/ Supplementary Exam/ Aptitude Test	Latest by 16.03.2026	Latest by 30.04.2026	-
8.	Publication of Panel	Latest by 15.04.2026	Latest by 29.05.2026	-
9.	Notification of Final vacancies	-	-	30.04.2026
10.	Written Examination/Supplementary Exam/Aptitude Test	-	-	Latest by 15.05.2026
11.	Publication of Panel	-	-	Latest by 29.05.2026

III. PQ (TT) – For all posts in Pay Level-6 and above (if any)

Sl. No.	Activity	Target Date
1.	Vacancy Assessment Period	01.01.2026 to 31.12.2026
2.	Assessment of vacancies	Latest by 15.12.2025
3.	Certification of reserved vacancies	Latest by 25.12.2025
4.	Publication of alert notice for Trade Test	Latest by 31.12.2025
5.	Conduct of Trade Test	01.01.2026 to 10.01.2026
6.	Publication of Trade Test Results	Latest 15.01.2026

IV. PQ (NS) – For all posts Pay Level-6 and above

S.No.	Activity	Target Date
1.	Vacancy Assessment Period	01.01.2026 to 31.12.2026
1.	Assessment of vacancies	Latest by 15.12.2025
2.	Certification of reserved vacancies	Latest by 26.12.2025
3.	Finalization of list of eligible employees	Latest by 31.12.2025
3.	Assessment of Suitability	Latest by 09.01.2026
4.	Publication of Select List	Latest by 15.01.2026

V. PQ(S), PQ(A) and LDCE for all posts in Pay Level-5 and below

S.No.	Activity	PQ(S)	PQ(A)	LDCE
1.	Vacancy Assessment Period	01.07.2026 to 30.09.2027		
2.	Assessment of vacancies, roster certification, approval of the competent authority	Latest by 21.07.2026		
3.	Issue of Notification	Latest by 31.07.2026 (along with eligibility list)	Latest by 31.07.2026	Latest by 31.07.2026 (with provisional vacancies)
4.	Closing Date for receipt of applications	-	Latest by 25.08.2026	Latest by 25.08.2026
5.	Finalization of Eligibility List	-	Latest by 04.09.2026	Latest by 04.09.2026
6.	PPT to be completed	Latest by 31.08.2026	Latest by 09.10.2026	Latest by 09.10.2026
7.	Written Examination/ Supplementary Exam/ Aptitude Test	Latest by 15.09.2026	Latest by 31.10.2026	-
8.	Publication of Panel	Latest by 15.10.2026	Latest by 30.11.2026	-
9.	Notification of Final vacancies	-	-	30.10.2026
10.	Written Examination/Supplementary Exam/Aptitude Test	-	-	Latest by 16.11.2026
11.	Publication of Panel	-	-	Latest by 30.11.2026

VI. PQ (TT) – For all posts in Pay Level-5 and below

Sl. No.	Activity	Target Date
1.	Vacancy Assessment Period	01.07.2026 to 30.06.2027
2.	Assessment of vacancies	Latest by 15.06.2026
3.	Certification of reserved vacancies	Latest by 25.06.2026
4.	Publication of alert notice for Trade Test	Latest by 30.06.2026
5.	Conduct of Trade Test	01.07.2026 to 10.07.2026
6.	Publication of Trade Test Results	Latest 15.07.2026

VII. PQ (NS) – For all posts in Pay Level-5 and below

S.No.	Activity	Target Date
1.	Vacancy Assessment Period	01.07.2026 to 30.06.2027
1.	Assessment of vacancies	Latest by 15.06.2026
2.	Certification of reserved vacancies	Latest by 25.06.2026
3.	Finalization of list of eligible employees	Latest by 30.06.2026
3.	Assessment of Suitability	Latest by 10.07.2026
4.	Publication of Select List	Latest by 15.07.2026


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