

Eastern Railway  
(Personnel department)

Serial No. 31/2016

No.E.890/0/Psycho Test

Kolkata, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016

All Concerned

Sub: Posting of Traffic Apprentices as Station Masters without Aptitude Test.

The following copy of Railway Board's letter no.E(NG)I-2013/25 dated 16.02.2016 (RBE No.18/2016) is forwarded for information, guidance and necessary action. Board's earlier letter no.E(NG)I-2002/PM1/31 dated 22/08/2003 was circulated under this office serial circular number 103(9)/2003.

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Asstt. Personnel Officer/R&B  
For Chief Personnel Officer

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Board's letter no. E(NG)I-2013/25 dated 16.02.2016 (RBE No.18/2016) addressed to All General Manager & others.

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The Railways are aware that in terms of letter no. E(NG)I-2002/PM1/31 dated 22/08/2003, staff are subjected to Aptitude Test when they are directly recruited or promoted as ASMs, ALPs and Motorman at the stage of deployment of Drivers in High Speed trains, running above 100 Kmph; however, it has been brought to the notice of Board that on some of the Railways, Traffic Apprentices through LDCE and DR quota, are utilized as Section Controllers, Station Masters and Traffic Inspectors without being subjected to the Aptitude Test. The General Secretary/AIRF has also raised the issue as PNM/AIRF item on the ground that posting of Traffic Apprentices without Aptitude Test is in violation of safety norms.

2. The matter has since been examined in consultation with AIRF, Zonal Railways and concerned Directorates of Railway Board and it has been decided that henceforth Aptitude Test will be mandatory for those Traffic Apprentices who opt for the Station Master category, meaning thereby that those Traffic Apprentices, who do not qualify in the Aptitude Test, may not be posted in SM/ASM category.

Sd/  
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Railway Board

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