

Eastern Railway
Accounts Department

No.A/Selection/ER/MTP/CBT/2025-26

Kolkata, dated: 23-10-2024.

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PFA/Metro Railway/Kolkata

Sub: Formation of a combined panel of AFAs(Group-B) of Eastern Railway
& Metro Railway/Kolkata in 7th CPC Level-9(6th CPC PB-2,GP-5400)
against 70% quota for the year 2025-26 through Centralized Computer
Based Objective Type examination(CBT).

Ref: Railway Board's letters No. E(GP)2024/2/28 dtd.27.09.24 dtd.08.10.24 & dtd.14.10.24.

In terms of letters u/r, Railway Board has intimated about its plan to shortly conduct the 70% Selection followed by 30% LDCE for filling up of Group-B vacancies for the vacancy cycle **01.01.2025 to 31.12.2026** (incl. vacancies upto 30.06.2027) through centralized CBT. The Model Calendar for the same is to follow shortly.

2. Accordingly, the 70% selection, followed by 30% LDCE, for formation of a combined panel of Assistant Financial Advisers (Group-B) of Eastern Railway and Metro Railway/Kolkata is also planned to be conducted through CBT for the said assessment period 01.01.2025 to 31.12.2026. In this connection, it clarified that after formation of fresh panels for selection/LDCE ibid, the empanelled candidates may similarly be posted on either Railway depending upon the availability of vacancies. However, all such employees who may be posted against Group-B post of Metro Railway on the basis of Eastern Railway's panel, will hold a lien on Eastern Railway only and will not become Group-B Officers of Metro Railway (Authority: Railway Board's letter no. E(GP)2005/2/50 dated 03.08.2005 & 21.02.2007).

3. **Eligibility :**

3.1 To be eligible to appear in the Group-B Selection (70% quota), a candidate of this railway should fulfil the following conditions as on **01.01.2025** :-

(a) (i) He/she should be a Group 'C' employee working in Level 6 and above in Pay Matrix with 3 years of non-fortuitous service in Level 6 and above in Pay Matrix (including non-fortuitous service rendered in the corresponding pre-revised grade pay).

(ii) He/she should have qualified in the Appendix-3 IREM examination.

{Authority : Railway Board's letter No.E(GP)2019/2/25 dated 27.12.2019 (RBE No.216/2019)}

(b) In the case of Metro Railway/Kolkata, such Group-C staff who have been absorbed in Accounts Department of Metro Railway/Kolkata shall only be considered eligible if he/she fulfils the condition given at para 3.1 (a).

N.B.: In terms of Railway Board's letter No.E(GP)2024/2/28 dated 08.10.2024 (RBE No.93/2024) and in modification of provisions of Para 203.4 of IREM Vol.I, it has been decided by Board that henceforth, in respect of Selections (70%) to Group-B posts in all departments, all employees who are eligible and who volunteer for the selection, should be considered without any limitation of number, as is being done in case of Selection to the Group—B post of Assistant Personnel Officer.

4. Scheme of Examination:

Subsequent to the introduction of Objective type Multiple-choice Objective type questions for promotion to Group-B posts in terms of instructions contained in Board's letter No. E(GP)2018/2/31 dated 19.03.2019, following pattern of examination has been adopted, in terms of Railway Board's letter no E(GP)2022/2/4 dtd. 07.12.2022, for 70% Selection for Group-B post of AFA in Accounts Department and the same shall be applicable for the subject 70% selection for 2025-26 :-

a)	One paper on Professional Subject including optional questions of 10 marks on Official Language Policy & Rules.	100 marks
b)	Qualifying Marks	60 with relaxation as per extant rules.
c)	Duration of Examination	2 hrs.

4.1 In terms of Railway Board's letter No.E(GP)2024/2/28 dated 08.10.2024 (RBE No.93/2024), issued in partial modification of Board's letter dated 19.03.2019 *ibid*, there shall be *no* negative marking in written examinations held as part of Selections (70%) where the final panels are made on seniority basis.

4.2 The viva-voce will consist of :

Record of Service and Viva-voce:	Max. Marks	Qualifying Marks
Viva-voce	25	30
Record of Service (Assessment of APARs)	25	(including at least 15 marks in the record of service)

4.3 The viva-voce of the successful candidates of the Computer Based Test, to be conducted and marks/results thereof intimated by DG/NAIR, will be conducted by Eastern Railway subject to being found fit in the prescribed medical standard for the notified post.

4.4 Final panel will be drawn on the basis of overall performance in the Centralized CBT and viva-voce and in order of integrated seniority amongst the successful candidates based on applicable rules and provisions of IREM/Master Circular 68 etc.

4.5 Syllabus:

Syllabus of the examination would be as per Railway Board's letter No.E(GP)2022/2/4 dated 07.11.2022 as modified vide letter of even no. dated 07.12.2022. The candidates are hereby informed that syllabus (as also different relevant letters/circulars) is available in Railway Board's website: **<https://indianrailways.gov.in> – Railway Board Directorates – Establishment – E(GP) Circular.**

4.6 Option for **Hindi** will be applicable as per extant instructions.

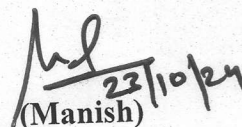
5. The controlling officers of the respective offices should give this *wide publicity* amongst all the eligible Appendix-3 IREM qualified staff under their control for being in readiness to apply. *Further notification with no. of vacancies with community-wise break-up, pre-promotional training schedule and other necessary instructions will follow.*

5.1 In case of candidates who are on deputation, leave, training or working in ex-cadre organisation, if any, intimation to them should be ensured by the office/unit from where the candidate concerned proceeded on such deputation, leave etc.

6. The above scheme of 70% Selection is provisional and changes, if any, will be notified according to subsequent guidelines issued by Railway Board/NAIR/PCPO.

This may please be treated as IMPORTANT.

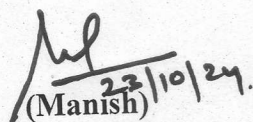
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