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All Concerned.

Sub: Streamlining of working of RRBs- Holding of common RRB examination for the ALP & Technician.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No.2013/E(RRB)/25/28 dated 17.01.2014 (RRCB No.01/2014) on the above noted subject is forwarded herewith for information, guidance and necessary action. Board's earlier letter dated 28.10.2009 (RRCB No.04/2009) as referred in their letter under reference are enclosed herewith.

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Copy of Board's letter No.2013/E(RRB)/25/28 dt.17.01.14 (RRCB No.01/2014) addressed to the Chairpersons' All Railway Recruitment Board's

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Vide Board's letter under reference comprehensive orders on the streamlining of functioning of RRB were issued. This process has been under constant review and scrutiny based on the experiences of examination held against CEN of 2010, 2011 & 2012 so that the RRBs exams. can be held in more efficient and cost effective manner. It has been noticed that minimum educational qualification for the two categories of ALPs & Technicians being common (i.e. ITI in the relevant trade), most of the candidates applying for these categories are common. Still, conventionally two different notifications and exams have been issued/ organized for these two categories separately. This results in holding two different exams for same set of candidates on two different occasions and also if the candidate is selected in both the exams, he joins against one category of posts leaving the other vacant. This is also one of the reasons for short Panels.

2. To streamline and standardize selection procedure and also to address the problem of short panels in critical safety categories like ALP & technicians, Board has decided for holding a common RRB examination for the ALP and Technicians categories from 2014 onwards. For this the following changes in the existing recruitment system are being introduced with immediate effect.

(i) Nodal RRB/ Chennai will issued a common Centralize Employment Notification on behalf of all the participating RRBs for these two categories of post viz. ALPs & technicians.

(ii) For the selection of ALP & technician, a common written examination will be conducted on the same day simultaneously by all the participating RRBs in one or more sessions depending upon the numbers of candidates applying for the examination of that RRB.

3. A common structure of question papers for the written examination of the categories of ALP & Technicians should be followed/ adopted as detailed under, which is in supersession of Boards letter No.2009/E(RRB)/25/20 Pt. dated 05.01.2011 (RRCB N.1/2011) for these two categories:

Post	Times in Minutes	No. of questions					
		Gen. Awareness	Arithmetic	Gen. Intelligence & Reasoning	General Science	Technical Ability	Total
ALP & Technician	90	20	20	15	15	30	100

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4. As per the existing instructions, candidates to the tune of five times the vacancies are short listed for appearing in the Psycho-Tests for ALPs. It has now been decided that the number of candidates to be short-listed for Psycho Test may be increased to eight times of the vacancies subject to securing minimum qualifying marks prescribed for respective community in the written examination on the same lines as ASMs communicated vide Board's letter No.2013/E(RRB)/25/23 dated 08.10.2013 (RRCB No.1/2013).

5. With a view to avoid shortfall while preparing the panels, if any, the zone of stand by/ waiting. List is also being increased from present 30% to 50% for the above mentioned categories combined together.

6. It should be clearly brought out in all the communications to the candidates that a candidate once empanelled for any of the posts depending on his choice/ merit position will not be considered for alternative appointment later if he is found medically unfit. Therefore, the candidates, in their own interest, should satisfy themselves about fulfilling the prescribed medical standards before opting for various posts.

These modifications are issued with the approval of Board and may be implemented from GEN01/2014 onwards.

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Railway Board had recently constituted a Committee to review the present system of recruitment in RRBs and to suggest measures for expeditious formation of panels. The following recommendations have been accepted by the Board. Board desire that these recommendations be implemented at the earliest and compliance reported to the Board.

1. **Model time Schedule:** Vide Railway Board's letter No. E(NG)II/2000/RR-1/67 dated 18.07.2001, instructions already exist regarding placement of tenders by the Zonal Railways/Pus on RRBs on 1<sup>st</sup> March & 1<sup>st</sup> September each year. The committee has laid down a Model Time Schedule for the activities of RRBs. A copy of the schedule is at Annexure-I. This needs to be strictly adhered to.
2. **Same Day Examination:** One of the recommendations accepted by the Board is to hold the examination for particular post on the same date simultaneously by all the RRBs. All the RRBs shall advise to the nodal RRB the number of vacancies to be filled up, category wise together with community breakup. Nodal RRB will issue Centralized Employment Notice on behalf of all participating RRBs clearly indicating the vacancies to be filled up by each participating RRB along with other details. Individual RRBs will issue indicative Employment Notice(s) in the regional newspapers.
  - 2.1 Simultaneous Examination will be held once in a year. Centralized Employment Notice by Nodal RRB and Indicative Employment Notice(s) by individual RRBs will be issued in consultation with Chairmen of participating RRBs. Examination for more than one category may also be held simultaneously based on administrative convenience.
  - 2.2 A candidate shall be free to apply to more than one RRB but he will be doing so at his own risk as the examination will be held by all RRBs on the same date.
  - 2.3 All RRBs (nodal/participating) shall set & print their own question paper and question booklets. Evaluation of OMR sheets and subsequent stages of examination will also be done by respective RRBs.
  - 2.4 The examination centres for each RRB can be fixed by each Chairman within or even outside his jurisdiction depending upon the need.
  - 2.5 List of nodal RRBs for various examinations is at Annexure - II.
3. **Setting of Question papers in local languages:** In addition to Hindi, Urdu and English, Question Papers shall be set in local languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India, falling within the jurisdiction of that RRB. For this purpose, the first official language(s) of the State(s) in which all the Divisions/ Units of that RRB are located, will be taken as the local language(s). Since the official work is done in Hindi/English only, to test the working knowledge level of the candidates, 10% weight age of marks will be given for testing Hindi/English language as per details given in Board's letter no. E/RRB/2007/25/14 dated 4/3/2008.
4. **Selection of Printing Agency:** Before engaging any printing agency the Chairman should personally satisfy himself that the printer has foolproof security arrangements in the premises, experience of similar work, translation facilities, proof reading, reliable employees' selection procedure, surveillance system, packing & safe transportation of question booklets. Question papers should be transported in sealed container trucks with tamperproof locks. To make the agency legally liable, a written contract agreement should be entered into by the Chairman/RRB.
5. **On-line Examination:** No fresh notification for on-line examination will be issued. However, examination for which notification for on-line mode has already been issued will be completed as per notification.
6. **Other Recommendations:**
  - 6.1 **Construction of Strong Rooms:** Strong Rooms for storage of RRB examination material should be constructed in all RRBs and all Divisions/Units. Chairmen/RRBs should make out proposals accordingly.
  - 6.2 **Common design of Websites:** Chairman/RRB/ Bilaspur has been nominated to standardize the websites of all RRBs. Chairmen of all RRBs should liaise with him for this purpose.
  - 6.3 **Redesigning of OMR Sheet:** OMR Answer Sheets are being redesigned to make the portion showing the candidates' particulars detachable from the portion to be evaluated to maintain confidentiality of identify of the candidates. Chairman/RRB/Jammu has been nominated to design the new OMR sheet.

With the issue of this letter, the ban on publication of fresh Employment Notifications imposed vide Board's letter No.E. RRB/2009/21/3 dated 12.06.09 stands withdrawn. The directives contained in this letter will be applicable to Employment Notifications to be issued from now on. The ongoing recruitment activities will continue as per earlier instructions.

Sd/-

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## Model Time Schedule for completing Recruitments by RRBs

SET	Group	Categories	Date
SET-1	I	NTPC (Matriculation) categories	1st March
	II	Graduate NTPC categories	
	III	English-Hindi Steno	
	IV	Assistant Driver, Motormen, ASM	
SET-2	V	Skilled artisans	1st Sept.
	VI	Diploma Holders (PWs/IOWs,BRIs/DSKs/TXRs/ Apprentice Mechanics/Trainee Chargemen etc.)	
	VII	Degree Holders recruited in Civil, Electrica, Mechanical, S&T and Stores Depts.	

SN	Description	Schedule Date	Cummulative time from closing date of Emp. Notice		
			For SET-1	For SET-2	
1	Last date for receipt of indents by RRBs for SET-1 categories.	1st March	0	0	
2	Last date fo receipt of indents by RRBs for SET-2 categories	1st Sept.	0	0	
3	Publication of recruitment notification ater receipt of indents for	For SET-1	31st March	0	0
		For SET-2	30th Sep.	0	0
4	Last date for receipt of applications for SET-1 & SET-2	1st working day after 30 days from issue of Emp. Notice	0	0	
5	Issue of Admit Card to candidates	For SET-1	Within 70-120 days	70-120	-
		For SET-2	Within 10-100 days	-	60-100
6	Date of Examination	within 35 days	105-155	95-135	
7	Evaualation of Answer Sheets	For SET-1	Within 15 days from last day of Exam	120-170	-
		For SET-2	Within 15 days	-	110-150
8	Publication of results	For SET-1	Within 25 days	145-195	-
		For SET-2	Within 15 days	-	125-165
9	2nd stage written exam./ Aptitude Test/Steno. Test	For SET-1	Within 35 days	180-230	-
10	Evaluation, results & issue of letter for verification of documents and/ or interview	For SET-1	Within 15 days	195-245	-
		For SET-2	Within 10 days	-	135-175
11	Date of verification of documents and/ or Interview	For SET-1 & 2	Within 40 days	235-285	175-215
12	Publication of Panel	For SET-1 & 2	Within 5 days of verification of documents	240-290	180-220

SN	Nodal RRB	Category	Post
1	Ajmer	NTPC/Graduate Categories	(Sr.Clerk, Jr. Accounts Asst., goods Guard, ECRC, traffic Apprentice, Commercial Apprentice, etc.
2	Ahmedabad	NTPC/Under Graduate Categories	Jr. Clerk, Accounts Clerk, Ticket Collector, Commercial Clerk, trains Clerkk, Cabinman, Switchman, Shroff etc.
3	Bhopal	Safety Category	Asstt. Loco Pilot/ Motorman
4	Kolkata	Safety Category	Asstt. Station Master
5	Secunderabad	Safety Category	Section Engineer, Jr. Engineer (All Departments), Supervisor (P.Way), DMS-II & III etc.
6	Chennai	Safety Category	Artisans (All Departments)
7	Mumbai	Safety Category	CMA, Jr. CMA, Metallurgical Supervisor (Research), Chemical Supervisor-Gr.II (Research), Sr. Scientific Research Asst., Section Research Engg., Jr. Research Engg., Scientific Asst. (Psychology) etc.
8	Thiruvananthapuram	Para Medical	Staff Nurse, Dietician, Pharmacist, Radiographer, Health Inspector, Health & Malaria Inspector, Health Visitor, Oral Hygienist, Clinical Psychologist, Clinical Instructor, Physiotherapist, X-ray Technician, ECG Technician, Prosthetic-cum-Orthodontist, Audiologist-cum-speech therapist, Lab Asst., Lab Supt., Lab technician, District Extension Educator, Field Worker, Holter Technician etc.
9	Chandigarh	Ministerial Category	Jr. Stenographer/ Stenographer-(Hindi/English), Hindi Asst., Law Asst., Teachers/Asst. Teacher, Librarian, Physical Instructor etc.
10	Jammu	Isolated Categories	Sr. Publicity Inspector, Horticulture Inspector, House Keeper, Finger Print Examiner, Canteen Manager, Catering Inspector/ Manager, Chasing Inspector, Jr. Telephone Operator etc.