

Eastern Railway
(Personnel Department)
17, N. S. Road, Kolkata -700 001

No. E.890/0/1/R&R/Policy/Pt. XIX

Kol. dt. 14.01.2020


All Concerned,

(as per standard list)

Sub: Considering cases of those MD category PwBD candidates with minimum cut-off score who have filled in/opted inadvertently only against single Disability of LD, VI or HI in the CEN 02/18 Level-1 recruitment.

A photocopy of Railway Board's letter No.E(NG)-II/2017/RC-2/1 Policy dated 12.12.2019 on the above mentioned subject is forwarded herewith for information, guidance and necessary action.

DA: As above


14-01-2020

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Sr. Personnel Officer (S&T)

for Principal Chief Personnel Officer

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. E(NG)III/2017/RC-2/1 Policy

New Delhi, dated 12.12.2019

General Managers (P)
All Zonal Railways.
Chairpersons, Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs).

Sub: Considering cases of those MD category PwBD candidates with minimum cut-off score who have filled in/opted inadvertently only against single Disability of LD, VI or HI in the CEN 02/18 Level-1 recruitment.

It may be recalled that the original CEN 02/18 notification published in Feb 2018 contained only three categories of Disabilities- Orthopaedic, Visual and Hearing. Consequent to enactment of the RPWD Act, 2016 and its applicability in the instant recruitment notification through hearing/orders in WP (C) No. 1855/2018 before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court, the MD category of Disability was also added in the basket of 4% revised quota for PwBD categories.

2. A corrigendum was issued on Feb 28th 2018 and extended time up to March 30th 2018 was given for candidates to apply due to *inter alia*, this revision in PwD vacancies. Candidates who applied during this window period and opted for more than 1 Disability among LD, VI and HI were automatically treated as MD by the software of the application programme. Several of the candidates who applied during this window period opted accordingly and were treated as MD. Also candidates who had applied prior to Feb 28th 2018 had an option *inter alia*, to modify their Disability option accordingly.

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3. Overall however, the number of MD candidates is far less than the number of the other PwBD categories and MD posts are accordingly largely unfilled as reported at present. It has been represented through various forums/channels, that many PwBD candidates with Multiple Disabilities have inadvertently/ignorantly ticked only one Disability in the menu-driven application form during the extended/window period in March 2018, instead of all Disabilities they suffered from. Because of this, they have been considered only as LD or VI or HI (depending on the single Disability category they ticked) in the candidate database and not as MD, to which they purportedly belong. Accordingly, so far they have been considered only against merit positions of that single Disability category.

By. CPO (G)
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4.(a) Where candidates who are actually MD have qualified on merit for DV against the single Disability (be it LD or HI or VI) they had opted for, they would have/can always produce their MD certification at the time of DV and, subject to confirmation during medical examination, adjusted/empanelled against the MD quota.

(b) Where however, such candidates who are actually MD but have applied inadvertently against only single Disability category of LD or VI or HI, **have not qualified** on relative merit to be shortlisted for DV/medical examination, the Railway would be unaware of this position.

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5. To address the situation in respect of those candidates as at 4(b) above, it has been decided that :

(i) An update be posted on the website of each RRC on the following lines:

*“ Representations have been received that some PwBD candidates who are actually having Multiple Disabilities (MD) in terms of the revised PwBD Act and posts notified, have nevertheless filled in only one of the erstwhile three Disability categories of Locomotor Disability (earlier Orthopaedically Handicapped), Visually Impaired (VI) or Hearing Impaired (HI). **To be eligible for consideration under MD category, candidates should have filled in/opted for more than one Disability among the three Categories of LD, VI and HI in terms of the corrigendum to the CEN 02/2018 notification, dated 28th February 2018.***

The corrigendum dated 28th February 2018 to CEN 02/2018 was the first such recruitment notification to include the MD Category reservation in terms of the revised PwBD Act (RPWD Act, 2016). Further, any affected candidates not been considered as MD due to their not filling in the application form properly, have, in any case been considered as per eligibility and merit under one of the other three Disability categories of LI, VI or HI.

*Considering however the overall facts and circumstances of the matter, it has now been decided as a special dispensation that candidates with minimum qualifying score in the CBT **who actually belong to MD category of Disability** but have inadvertently filled in only one Disability among LI, HI and VI on-line in the CEN 02/2018 corrigendum notification referred to above, will now be able to represent for being considered under the unfilled MD vacancies of that Railway, subject to availability of suitable posts and fulfilling other eligibility conditions.*

*Accordingly, all those candidates who satisfy the benchmark criteria of Disability under MD Category (that is, prescribed benchmark in more than one among LD, VI and HI Disabilities) and who have secured more than the relaxed minimum qualifying 'cut-off' score in the CBT written exam- (which is **38** for **UR** and **28** for **reserved community** PwBD candidates) may submit an representation giving their application details in the enclosed format and enclosing proof of their MD category status, within 15 days of this notification. Proof of Multiple Disabilities can be submitted either as duly filled in Form-VI for MD category, that was enclosed with corrigendum to the CEN 02/18 notification on 28-02-2018, or as separate valid Disability certificates certifying benchmark disability for more than one Category among LD, HI and VI Disability categories.*

*This representation, along with proof of Multi Disabilities as mentioned above, is to be submitted to the Chairperson/RRC of the Railway for which the candidate had earlier opted for **within 15 days of issue of this notification**. Submission can be either as a scanned & legible pdf upload on the email id provided in this notification, or by speed post/registered post to the address of the RRC provided below. This should be submitted **only** to the Railway RRC opted for at the time of original application; **no change in option for Railway will be considered. Incomplete/wrongly addressed/illlegible representations will be summarily rejected.** Subject to verification of details provided and satisfying all other eligibility conditions, representations of such MD candidates scoring above the relaxed minimum qualifying 'cut-off' of*

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38 (for UR) and 28 (for reserved community) may be considered as per merit position for shortlisting against suitable unfilled MD vacancies of the Railway.

It may be noted that those who do not satisfy Multi Disability criteria as specified in the RPWD Act, 2016 and who do not enclose proof of the same as in the enclosed Annexure, need not apply/represent. Also, those who have not obtained the relaxed minimum qualifying score of 38 (for UR) or 28 (for reserved community) in the written CBT need not apply/represent. Representations from ineligible candidates will not be entertained. Those who are eligible should represent/apply only to the RRC of the Railway they had originally opted for in their application form.

Publication of this notification or considering of any representations based on the same will not confer any rights of appointment on any applicant. Railways reserve all rights in the matter."

(ii) The notification above to be posted on RRC websites include a format for candidates' details to be filled in for uniformity and ease of scrutiny(This format is enclosed with this letter as Annexure-'A').

(iii) Details of PwBD candidates who have secured above the minimum qualifying threshold of 38 (for UR) and 28 (for SC/ST/OBC) respectively pertaining to respective Railways are available with the concerned RRCs. Each RRC may send an email and sms to all such PwBD candidates who have not been already called for/empanelled as per merit, asking such candidates to check the relevant website. This communication may be sent just after the notification is uploaded on the RRC's website, as detailed in Para 9 of this letter.

(iv) The corresponding RRB to which each RRC was attached for CEN 02/2018 will also upload the notification for its corresponding RRC(s).

6. Representations received as above will be scrutinized by RRCs. Where MD category Disability as per benchmarks is *prima facie* brought out, and candidate's details as mentioned in representation tally, such *prima facie* eligible cases will be arranged in order of written merit by the RRC. To the extent that unfilled vacancies and suitable posts subsist in the MD Category, such candidates will be called for DV strictly in the order of merit. Only as many *prima facie* eligible will be called for DV as there are available (unfilled) suitable MD vacancies, in the first instance.

7. As a measure of abundant caution, a Railway Medical Officer will be associated during the scrutiny of medical certificates attached with the representations while determining *prima facie* eligibility mentioned in para-6 above. Nomination may accordingly be done by the Railway.

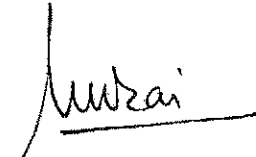
8. Meticulous record-keeping will be ensured by Railways (especially RRCs) to ensure that all representations and attachments received are properly accounted for and scrutinized. Monitoring of the email to ensure no technical glitches occur and that mailed representations/attachments are also properly accounted for, is to be ensured.

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9. To ensure uniformity/consistency and give time for prior preparation, a common date of say, 23rd December (Monday) is given for uploading of the notification on each RRC/RRB website. Email/sms to eligible candidates only brought out at para 5 (iii) can be sent by them the same day/next day.

10. An indicative notification/advertisement can also be published in local newspapers pertaining to the jurisdiction of the RRB/RRC before then, to read as below:

" PwBD candidates who actually have Multiple Disabilities under the RPWBD Act, 2016 but have applied against single Disability category of LD or VI or HI in the Level-1 Railway recruitment notification CEN 02/2018, and have secured the relaxed minimum qualifying marks in the written Computer Based Test conducted, may refer to the RRC/RRB website of the Railway they had applied for. A notification that may be relevant to such candidates is scheduled to be uploaded on 23rd December, 2019."


(M.M.Rai)
Jt. Director/E(N)II
Railway Board

Encl: Annexure "A"

Copy to: All Chairpersons/RRCs for immediate necessary action.

FORMAT OF REPRESENTATION

S.No.	Name of Applicant	Postal address, mobile No. and Email id.	Registration No.	Roll No.	Score obtained in CBT.	Zonal Railway already opted.	Nature of Multiple Disability (any one only to be ticked)				Document enclosed as proof of Disability (Certificate No., date and issuing authority)	Any other remarks
							LD+VI	LD+HI	VI+HI	LD+VI+HI		

Declaration:

I declare that particulars submitted above are correct and true and that no material information has been concealed. I also understand that merely submitting this representation in no way entitles me for selection/recruitment against MD quota, which is subject to merit position, availability of suitable posts, number of unfilled vacancies, and other eligibility conditions.

Signature of Applicant

Date:

Place: