**Eastern Railway**
**(Personnel Department)**

**Serial Circular No. 88/2015**

**No. E.182/0/Vo.III** **Kolkata, Dated: 02/07/2015**

**All Concerned**

**Sub:** Recognition of qualification acquired through distance learning mode from Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi Diploma/Degrees - Acceptance for purpose of employment on the railways.

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Railway Board's instructions contained in letter No. E(NG)-II/2010/RR-1/17 dated 16.06.2015 (**RBE No.67/2015**) on the above noted subject are reproduced below for information, guidance and necessary action. Board's earlier letter dated 17/11/2004 quoted under reference therein was circulated under this office Serial No. 02 (01)/2005. Copy of Board's another letter No. 2002/AC-II (CC)/37/8(Vol.I) dated 24.09.2012 indicated therein is enclosed for ready reference.

DA: As above.

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Copy of Board's letter No. E(NG)-II/2010/RR-1/17 dated 16.06.2015 (**RBE No.67/2015**) addressed to the GM (P)/All Zonal Railways & others.

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**Ref:** Letter No. 2002/AC-II(CC)/37/8 dated 17/11/2004 and No. 2002/AC-II(CC)/37/8(Vol.I) dated 24.09.2012

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Minimum educational qualification for open market recruitment to the category of Junior Engineer (Information Technology), has been prescribed in terms of instructions referred to above.

An issue has been raised by one of Railway Recruitment Boards whether qualification of Bachelor in Computer Application (BCA) obtained from Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi through distance learning mode is acceptable for employment on the railways, in lieu of qualification prescribed for the post of Junior Eng1neer (IT) vide letters ibid.

The issue has been examined in consultation with Accounts and C&IS Directorates of this Ministry. It has been decided by Board that Qualification of BCA obtained through distance mode cannot be accepted in lieu of the minimum qualification prescribed for the post of Junior Engineer (IT).

Please acknowledge receipt.
(This disposes of RRB/Kolkata's letter No. RRB/KOL/JAA/SRC/ECRC/16/Pt.I 19/12/2014).

Sd/-(Lily Pandeya)
Director Estt. (N)-II/Rly. Board.

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## Enclosure to CPO/ER's serial circular No. 88/2015

***Copy of Railway Board's letter No. 2002/AC-II(CC)/37/8(Vol.I) dated 24.09.2012***

***Sub: Reorganisation of staffing pattern of EDP Centres.***

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Please refer to Board's letter No. 2002/AC-II/37/8 dated 17.11.2004 on the captioned subject. Para 5 of Board's letter ibid stipulates cadre structure of the reorganized setup along with Pay scales, mode of induction, qualification for direct recruitment and eligibility criteria for promotion etc.

In this regard, a clarification was sought by some of the Railways as to whether the qualification of B.Tech.(IT) possessed by any candidate shall be treated equivalent to the qualifications as prescribed vide Board's letter ibid, for direct appointment to the post of JE(IT).

The matter has been examined and it is clarified that the qualification of B.Tech.(IT) from any recognized University/Institute may be treated equivalent to the qualification of BCA/DOEACC 'A' level course as prescribed vide Board's letter referred to above for appointment to the post of JE(IT) erstwhile post of JE(IT) Grade-II).

Sd/- (P. V. Vaidialingam)
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