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(as per standard list)

**Sub: Centralized Computer Based Tests (CBT) for selections /LDCEs.**

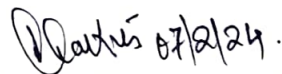
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A copy of Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) letter no. E(NG)I/2022/PM1/36 dated 16/01/2024 (RBE No.05/2024) is circulated herewith for information and guidance. Board's earlier letter dated 14/12/2018 (RBE No.196/2018) mentioned therein was circulated under this office serial no. 240/2018.

The detailed guidelines on Centralized CBT will follow.

DA: As above.

  
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**Index No. 1060:** Instructions on centralized Computer Based Tests for selections/LDCEs to be conducted for non-gazetted posts at the Zonal level with adoption of a common calendar for a zone.

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भारत सरकार/GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
रेल मंत्रालय/MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(रेलवे बोर्ड/RAILWAY BOARD)

No. E(NG)/2022/PM1/36

New Delhi, dated 16.01.2024

The General Manager (P),  
All Zonal Railways.

Sub: Centralized Computed Based Tests (CBT) for selections/ LDCEs.  
Ref: Board's letter No. E(NG)I/2018/PM1/4 dated  
14.12.2018(RBE No. 196/2018).

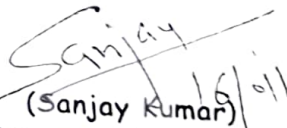
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Instructions for Objective type paper for promotional examinations for non-gazetted posts have been issued vide letter No. E(NG)I/2018/PM1/4 dated 14.12.2018 (RBE No. 196/2018) with further advice to the Railways to conduct examinations in Computer Based Test (CBT) or on pen and paper mode depending upon their preparedness. As a result, some of the Railways have already switched over to CBT mode.

It has been observed that the existing system of selection often does not follow a definite time schedule leading to delays. Both the federations have been raising the issue of delay in finalization of selections which leads to loss of emoluments and consequent demotivation amongst employees. In order to address the issue, a committee was constituted to study and recommend measures to obviate such eventualities of delay through adoption of centralized system of CBT, explore the feasibility of a common selection calendar for various categories over divisions, to lay down the ground rules for holding Centralized CBT and also to look at the selection process and suggest changes to expedite the selection process.

The recommendation of the committee has been examined and deliberated with all departments and federations. Board has in principle accepted the recommendation of the committee regarding selections to non-Gazetted posts to be centralized at the level of Zonal Railway with adoption of a common calendar for a zone.

In view of the aforesaid, it is advised that Zonal Railways may adopt Centralized Computer Based Test (CBT), as per their administrative convenience following a model calendar uniformly applicable for all Divisions in a Zone.

  
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