

Eastern Railway
(Howrah Division)

No. E 2 / 1 / SM / Prom / 25% PQ.

Date : 28.4.2026.

All Supervisory Officials of Optg. Dept / HWH Divn.

Sub : Selection for promotion to the post of station master in pay Level-06
against **25% PQ** in operating department of Howrah division.

1. It has been decided to hold a selection for filling up 88 vacancies for the post of Station Master, Pay Level-06 against 25% PQ in Operating Department of Howrah Division.

Communal Breakup of vacancies is as under:

UR	SC	ST	Total	PwBD(in terms of Railway Board's letter no. E(NG)II/2017/RC-2/1Policy dt.27.02.2019)
67	12	09	88	Nil.

2. Eligibility and Service Conditions:

2.1 In terms of RBE No:-79/2023 employees, possessing the qualification of Matriculation with the upper age limit of 45 years(50 Years in the case of SC/ST) of the following categories are eligible to apply for the said Selection:-

(a) Shunting Jamadars, Shunting Masters, Cabinmen Grade-1, Switchmen, Sr. Signallers and Sr. Train Clerks, all in Level-4, and Leverman Gr.1, Pointsman Gr.1, Shuntman Gr.1, Cabinman Gr.II and Train Clerks, all in Level-2,

(b) Shunting Master / Jamadar & TNCs, in Level-6 are also eligible for promotion to the post of Station Master in Level-6 against the 25% General Selection Quota. This will be treated as lateral transfer and not entitled for fixation of pay in same level of Station Masters.

(c) Staff in Level-1(erstwhile 6thCPC GP Rs.1800) of the Operating Department who are matriculates, and have 5 years of regular service in Operating Department.

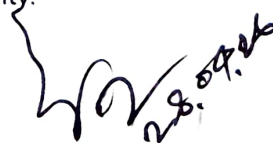
2.2 Aye-Two Medical classification is mandatory for the post of Station Master. Those who qualify in the written examination will be subjected to Medical Examination for fitness in the requisite medical qualification.

2.3 Eligibility in case of own/mutual transfer from other Division/Railway and posted in Howrah Division will be determined in terms of RBE No. 34/2006.

2.4 The cut-off date for determining the eligibility of the employees will be the date of issue of notification (RBE-117/2006).

3. Mode of Selection(RBE NO: 34/2006 & IREM Vo. I Para. 219):

(i) Professional Ability- The professional ability of the employees will be adjudged through written examination test. The employees must secure 60% of marks in the professional ability. The post of Station Master being a safety category, there will be no relaxation in qualifying marks for candidates belonging SC/ST community.


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(ii) After passing written examination, empanelment of staff against 25% PQ will be subject to their passing in Aptitude Test and fit in A2 medical category in medical examination.

(iii) They have to obtain minimum 60% in professional ability as well as 60% aggregate. The final panel will be drawn up in the order of merit based on aggregated marks secured in the written examination(Professional ability), Aptitude Test & Record of Service.

(iv) The empanelled candidates are required to undergo initial training course at ZRTI/Bhuli for a period of 90 working days and a subsequent Line Training. On successful completion of training only, they will be posted as SMs against working posts subject to the availability of vacancies at anywhere under Howrah Divn.

Pay admissible during the training period and seniority:

(v) During the training period, the employees will be eligible to draw only the substantive cadre pay of the post drawn by them before being sent to training and are not eligible to exercise any option to draw the stipendiary pay as applicable to direct recruitment. The higher pay on promotion will be fixed only from the date of regular absorption after successful completion of training.

The period spent on training before regular absorption will not be counted for the purpose of seniority in the promoted post of SM in L-6(RBE No. 102/2019)

4. Pre-Selection Training:

(i) In terms of RBE No. 71/1991, Sr.DOM/HWH shall arrange for pre-promotional training to the willing & eligible SC/ST employees for a period of 3 – 4 weeks which shall cover entire syllabus prescribed for examination. After completion of the same a certificate is to be issued by the controlling officer to the effect that all the eligible SC/ST have been imparted Pre-Selection training.

(ii) In case any of the reserved community employee is unwilling to undergo Pre-Selection training, a written refusal in this regard shall be obtained and sent to this office for record.

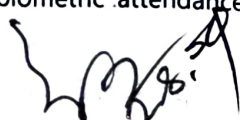
5. Procedure for written Examination

(i) The written examination will be conducted by Railway Recruitment Cell (RRC), Eastern Railway through an Examination Conducting Agency to be provided by Railway Recruitment Board (RRB).

(ii) The written examination will be a Computer Based Test (CBT)/Tablet Based Test (TBT) where there will be no physical question paper. All the questions will appear on the computer/tablet and the employee will have to mark their responses/answers to the questions on computer/tablet.

(iii) RRC/ER will be issuing a formal admit card online (through the website <https://rrcer.org>) to each and every eligible and willing employee for appearing in the CBT/TBT. Examination Venue and time of reporting for the written examination will be there in the admit card. As no physical communication will be made after issue of this vacancy notice, it will be the responsibility of the concerned employees to regularly visit RRC/ER's website as well as this Division's website for an update and to download the admit card as and when made available by RRC. Further, no supplementary/absentee examination shall be conducted on this ground.

(iv) Both physical and biometric attendance will be marked at the examination venue.



- (v) 100% questions will be objective type multiple choice questions in terms of RBE No. 196/2018.
- (vi) In terms of RBE 194/2019, there will be negative marking @ 1/3 mark for a wrong answer for PQ Selection where panel is arranged in the order of merit from those qualified.
- (vii) There shall be questions in Official Language Policy and Rules upto 10% of marks. However, it is not mandatory to attend the same.
- (viii) There will be 110 questions of objective multiple choice type with four answer options and the candidate has to answer a maximum of 100 questions. In case the candidate answers more than 100 questions, first 100 attempted questions are to be taken for evaluation.
- (ix) The written examination will be of 02(two) hours duration in terms of RBE No. 97/2019.
- (x) There will be computerized evaluation. Evaluation will be made in terms of RBE No. 122/2023, if there are any incorrect questions/answers in the question paper.
- (xi) There will be no Supplementary written examination to the absentees in the examination, since selection is conducted by calling volunteers. Employees once selected for the post and undergone training will not be permitted to withdraw their candidature and not allowed to go back to their parent cadre under any circumstances.

Syllabus: A syllabus for the above selection, as recommended by Sr.DOM/HWH is attached as Annexure-A.

6. Notifying to the employees:

The Controlling Officer / Supervisor should give wide publicity of the notification to all the eligible staff of Operating Department of Howrah Division and notification should be displayed at conspicuous place. It is the responsibility of the Controlling Officer / Supervisor to circulate the notification among the staff concerned.

7. How to Apply:

- (i) The employees should submit their applications in the prescribed format through proper channel enclosed as "Annexure-B".
- (ii) The applications should be of good quality of A-4 size paper using one side only.
- (iii) The employees should fill up the application form in their own writing with blue or black ball point pen only.
- (iv) All the relevant columns in the application should be filled completely and strike out the inapplicable columns and forwarded duly signed by the controlling supervisor/Officer with date wherever required otherwise same will not be considered.
- (v) Employees should paste the recent photograph on the application which shall be attested by the concerned supervisor along with stamp.
- (vi) Application received without forwarding by concerned supervisory official with date and incomplete applications will be rejected and no correspondence will be made in the matter.
- (vii) Eligible employees can apply in the prescribed pro-forma enclosed as Annexure-B through their supervisory Officials. **The applications should reach to the concerned Trans. Branch latest by 20.5.2026 and the controlling official should consolidate all the applications and send to this Office i.e. Sr. DPO / HWH through Personnel branch dispatch section by 22.5.2026 without fail.** Eligible staff on deputation to other offices, but holding lien of Howrah Division may also submit applications through their respective supervisory officials and should reach their applications to this office on or before 22.5.2026. Concerned Branch Officer and Supervisory Officials should inform such staff.



Applicants should enclose attested Photo copies of certificates as proof of their educational qualifications, Date of Birth and community (in respect of SC/ST employees) along with their applications; otherwise their applications are liable for rejection.

(viii) Applications received after due date mentioned above and not filled in all respects will not be entertained under any circumstances. If applications not received within the stipulated time in this office as mentioned above even after submitted by employee to the concerned supervisor within the time, then the concerned supervisory official will be held responsible for the same.

(ix) Eligible employees are hereby advised to treat this notification itself as intimation to the written examination and they should be in readiness for the same within a short notice.

(x) All employees who volunteer for the selection should ensure entry in the SR in regard to educational qualifications, community, Railway week awards and etc. before scrutiny of applications so as to publish the eligible/ineligible list for the selection.

D.A : Annexure A & Annexure B

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Asstt. Personnel Officer - I
for Senior Divisional Personnel Officer
E.Rly, Howrah.

Copy to

Sr. DOM / HWH, SD/HWH for information please.

Sr. DSTE/HWH for information with the request to upload this notification in E. Rly website.

TI/MPP/HWH for wide circulation please.

Ch. OS CR Section, Ch. OS/E2 Section. Ch OS/Conf Cell/HWH for information please.

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Syllabus for post of STATION MASTER category for Departmental selections**(25% General Selection)****1. General English:**

- a. Sentence Correction: Identifying and correcting errors in sentences.
- b. Sentence Construction: Forming sentences using given words or phrases.

2. Arithmetic:

- a. Basic Arithmetic: Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and Division.
- b. Ratio and Proportion: Understanding and applying concepts of ratio and proportion.

3. General Awareness:

- a. General Knowledge: Knowledge of current events, Indian history, geography, and other general knowledge topics.
- b. Railway-related Knowledge: Awareness of railway achievements, developments, and policies.

4. Official Language Policy and Rules:

- a. Knowledge of the official language policy and rules of the Indian Railways.

5. D& AR Rules:

- a. Type of Charge Sheets, Standard Forms, Major Penalty, Minor Penalty,

6. Establishment Rules:

- a. Leave rules including LAP, LHAP, CCL, ML etc.
- b. Pass rules including Privilege Pass, PTO, Duty Pass etc.

7. Commercial Rules

- a. Rules regarding Wharfage, Demurrage, WDRF, PTO.

8. Rules regarding working of Trains

- a. Organisation setup of Indian Railways, structure and functioning of the Indian Railways.
- b. Systems of Working: Knowledge of different signalling systems like absolute block and automatic signalling.
- c. Chapter No.III of G & SR, Signals & Points
- d. Caution Orders: Preparation and understanding of caution orders.
- e. Safety and Accidents: Knowledge of safety procedures, accident reporting, and handling of accidents.
- f. Commercial Documents: Familiarity with documents used in goods sheds, parcel offices, and booking offices.

g. Station Working Rules: Importance, Chapters, Appendices**9. Engineering Line Block Procedures:**

- a. Procedures for engineering line block & Material Trains working.

10. Level Crossing Gates:

- a. Rules for operating level crossing gates.

11. Working on Electrified Sections:

- a. Procedures for working on electrified sections, including handling OHE failures. Procedure for Power Block

12. Marshalling:

- a. Marshalling of Coaching Trains, POL trains etc.

13. Shunting

- a. Shunting instructions, Shunting authorities, Block forward and Block Back

14. Other Books related to Railway working:

- a. WTT, BWM, Accident Manual

15. New Technology

- a. FOIS, COIS, ICMS, COA.

Handwritten signature and date:
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Application cum pro-forma for selection to Station Master (25% PQ)

Annexure-B

A. Employee Current Details

Name (in block letters)	
HRMS ID	
Emp No./PF No.	
Designation/Station.	
Current Pay Level	
Substantive Pay Level	
Length of service as on 28.4.2026	

Paste Current
Passport size
photo duly
certified by unit
in-charge with
stamp

B. Employee Personal Details

Father's Name	
Date of Birth	
Age as on 28.4.2026	
Community (UR/SC/ST)	
Mobile No	
Email (Mandatory)	

C. Employee Initial Appointment Details

Date of Initial Appointment	
Mode of Appointment	
Zone/Division	
Designation	

D. Educational Qualification

At the time of first appointment	
Subsequently acquired	

E. Transfer Details (Inter Railway/Inter Division)

Type of Transfer (to HWH Divn.)	
Transferred From	
(i) Zone	
(ii) Division	
(iii) Department	
(iv) Designation	
Released On	
Reported On	
Effective Date of Seniority in Current cadre:	

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F. Regular Promotion Details

Designation on Promotion to present grade		
Date of Promotion on regular basis		

Declarations

I, the undersigned, hereby submit my candidature for the ensuing selection to the post of Station Master 25% quota.

I also declare that the information detailed above is true to the best of my knowledge.

I hereby declare that I accept all the conditions stipulated in the notification, and that the particulars furnished above are correct. If any information is found to be false, my candidature may be summarily rejected at any stage, and major penalty proceedings under D&AR may be initiated for such misconduct.

(Full signature of the applicant)

(Signature of the Sr. Subordinate/
Unit-in-charge with office seal)

(Signature of the Controlling Officer/
with office seal)

