



पूर्व तट रेलवे/EAST COAST RAILWAY  
मुख्यालय कार्यालय, कार्मिक विभाग, रेल सदन, साउथ ब्लॉक भुवनेश्वर  
Headquarters Office, Personnel Department, Rail Sadan,  
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No.ECoR/Pers/R/RPwD Act

Date: 29.04.2026

ALL PHODs/CHODs,  
DRMs/CWM  
CAO (Con)/BBS & WAT.  
East Coast Railway.

**Sub: Extension of abeyance of applicability of revised Comprehensive Guidelines for conducting competitive written public examination dated 01.08.2025 for persons with Disabilities under the RPwD Act, 2016-reg.**

उपर्युक्त विषय पर रेलवे बोर्ड पत्र सं. 2025/E(SCT)I/133/10Pt, दिनांक 24.04.2026 की प्रति लिपि सूचना, मार्गदर्शन एवं आवश्यक कार्रवाई हेतु अग्रेषित है।

A copy of Railway Board's Letter No.- 2025/E(SCT)I/133/10Pt, dated 24.04.2026 on the above quoted subject is forwarded herewith for information, guidance and necessary action.

Encl: As above,

  
(Subash Chandra Hota)  
Assistant Personnel Officer-I  
for Principal Chief Personnel Officer

Copy to:-

1. Secretary to GM for kind information of GM.
2. Secretary to AGM for kind information of AGM
3. Chairman RRB & RRC-BBS,
4. Dy.CPOs/Sr.DPOs, DPOs/SPOs, WPO/APOs of Personnel Department,
5. General Secretary- ECoRSC & ECoRSU.

  
for Principal Chief Personnel Officer

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

No. 2025-E(SCT)/I/133/10 Pt.

New Delhi, dated 24.04.2026

**The General Manager (P)**  
All Indian railways & Production Units

**The Director General/RDSO/Lucknow.**

**The CMD/M.D of all the PSUs/Autonomous Bodies**  
under the control of Ministry of Railways.

**Sub: Extension of abeyance of applicability of revised Comprehensive Guidelines for conducting competitive written public examinations dated 01.08.2025 for Persons with Disabilities under the RPwD Act, 2016-reg.**

**Ref:- (i) Board's letter of even no. dated 10.09.2025, 06.11.2025 and 20.03.2026.**  
**(ii) DEPwD's OM No. P-13013/75/2023-Policy-DD-III dated 30.03.2026.**

Please refer to Board's letter of even number dated 10.09.2025, 06.11.2025 and 20.03.2026 vide which clarification issued by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) regarding applicability of revised Comprehensive Guidelines dated 01.08.2025 for conducting competitive written public examinations for Persons with Disabilities (PwBD) under the RPwD Act, 2016 was circulated to all Zonal Railways and Production Units for strict compliance.

2. Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, vide O.M. dated 30.03.2026 (copy enclosed), has now decided to extend the abeyance of applicability of the revised Guidelines dated 01.08.2025 beyond 31.03.2026 and up to 30.06.2026.

3. The same may please be brought to the notice of all concerned for information/necessary action and strict compliance.

4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Hindi version will follow.

DA:- As above.

  
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No. P-13013/75/2023-Policy-DD-III  
Government of India  
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment  
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

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Date: 02 March, 2026

Office Memorandum

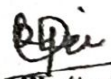
**Subject: Extension of abeyance of applicability of revised Comprehensive Guidelines for conducting competitive written public examinations dated 01.08.2025 for Persons with Disabilities under the RPwD Act, 2016-reg.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's Office Memorandum dated 01.08.2025, vide which the Guidelines for conduct of written examinations for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBDs) were revised, and to the subsequent Office Memorandum dated 10.09.2025, wherein it was clarified that, in view of the preparedness of examining bodies and in the interest of the Divyangjan community, all competitive public examinations notified or to be notified up to and including 31.12.2025 would continue to be conducted as per the Guidelines dated 29.08.2018, the subsequent corrigendum thereto, and the Guidelines issued on 10.08.2022. Further, vide subsequent Office Memorandum dated 30.12.2025, the abeyance of the applicability of the revised Guidelines dated 01.08.2025 was extended beyond 31.12.2025 up to 31.03.2026.

2. In continuation thereof, and in view of the ongoing stakeholder consultations with examining bodies and organizations representing persons with disabilities, it has been decided, with the approval of the competent authority, to extend the abeyance of applicability of the revised Guidelines dated 01.08.2025 beyond 31.03.2026 and up to 30.06.2026.

3. Accordingly, all competitive public examinations notified or to be notified up to and including 30.06.2026 shall continue to be conducted in accordance with the Guidelines dated 29.08.2018, the subsequent corrigendum thereto, and the Guidelines issued on 10.08.2022.

4. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

  
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To

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3. The Chairperson, SSC, Block No.12, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.
4. The Chairperson, University Grants Commission Chairperson, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002
5. The Chairperson, Railway Board, M/o Railways
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