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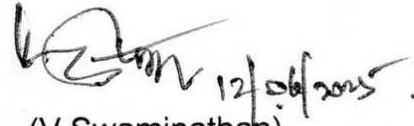
विषय/Sub: Clarification regarding applicability of reservation in singly vacancy.

A copy of the Railway Board's letter No. 2025-E(SCT)/I/133/10 dated 09.06.2025 on the above subject is enclosed for information, guidance, and necessary action.

Railway Board's letter dated 18.08.2022 (RBE No. 97/2022) referred to therein has been circulated as PBC No. 141 / 2022.

Copy of Railway Board's letter dated 16.03.2001 (RBE No. 58/2001) is enclosed for reference.

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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAILWAY BOARD**

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

New Delhi, 9.06.2025

The General Manager (P)
All Indian railways & Production Units
(as per mailing list)

Subject : Clarification regarding applicability of reservation in singly vacancy.

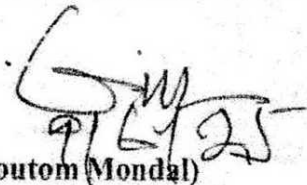
One of the Railway viz East Coast Railway has sought clarifications on the following issue:

“Whether the instructions contained in RBE No. 97/2022 i.e. reservation in promotions from Group ‘C’ to Group ‘B’ posts to the persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBDs), are also applicable for the selections where only a single vacancy has been assessed against reservation roster point post in a Recruitment/Promotion year, in compliance to para 2 of Railway Board’s letter No. 99E(SCT)/1/25/26 dated 16.03.2001 (RBE No. 58/2001)”.

2. The same has been examined in Board’s office and clarified that in case of vertical reservation for SC/ST in promotion due to the restriction of 50 % ceiling, a single vacancy occurring in vacancy year can’t be reserved and the vacancy is filled by UR. However, since in case of Horizontal reservation, no such condition of 50 % ceiling is applicable, there is no such problem of earmarking a single vacancy occurring in a recruitment year to PwBD as per the roster.

3. In case such PwBD candidate happens to be the senior most and belonging to SC/ST appearing at merit No.1, without availing any relaxation/concession, the candidate will be adjusted against UR post and the PwBD reservation will be carried forwarded, otherwise the PwBD point would stand consumed subject to future adjustment against respective SC/ST category as per DoP&T guidelines.

3. This disposes off East Coast Railway’s letter No. ECoR/Pers/Gaz./Selection/ PwBD/Misc /25-26 dated 10.04.2025.


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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

No. 99-E(SCT)I/25/26

New Delhi, dt. 16 .03.2001

The General Manager,

All Indian Railways and Production Units/including CORE/Allahabad, Metro Rly./ Calcutta, N.F.Rly. (Cons)/Maligaon

The Officer on Special Duty: East Coast Railway, Bhubaneswar/ North Central Rly., Allahabad/ East Central Rly., Hazipur/ North Western Rly., Jaipur/ South Western Rly. Bangalore/ West Central Rly. Jabalpur, New Railway Zone, R.E. Office Complex, Bilaspur(M.P.)

The Director General/ RDSO/Lucknow

The CAO, DCW, Patiala

The CAO: MTP(Rlys.), Mumbai and Chennai

The Chairman, Railway Recruitment Board:

Allahabad/Ahmedabad/Ajmer/Bangalore/Bhopal/Bhubaneshwar/Calcutta/

Chandigarh//Chennai/Gorakhpur/ Guwahati/Jammu &

Shrinagar/Malda/Mumbai/Muzaffarpur/Patna/Ranchi/Secunderabad/Trivendrum

The Director General/ Railway Staff College, Vadodra

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Railway Board Class I Officers Association , Room No. 256-B, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan

Railway Board Class IV Staff Association, Room No. 7-C, Rail Bhawan
The Managing Director, RITES/IRCON/CONCOR/KRCL/IRFC

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Sub: Carry forward of single vacancy in Group 'B' and Group 'A' posts.

Ref: Board's letter No. 74-E(SCT)15/20 dated 9.7.75.

In para 3 of Railway Board's letter No. 74-E(SCT)15/20 dated 9.7.1975, it was laid down that "In the case of promotion to posts in Class II and lowest rung of Class I, since the carry forward is not permissible in the case of two or more vacancies occurring in a recruitment /selection year, the single vacancy shall be carried forward only to one subsequent selection/recruitment year, when situation arising, the vacancy may be exchanged between Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. If no Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes becomes available in the 'subsequent' year also, the reservation would lapse."

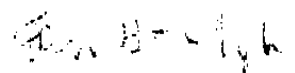
2. The Board have since reviewed the aforesaid instructions and have decided that, in the case of Group 'B' (Class II) and lowest rung of Group 'A' (Class I) where reservation rules are applicable, if a single vacancy occurs against reservation roster point post in a Recruitment/Promotion year, the vacancy shall be treated as unreserved. It will be filled by the next seniormost candidate assessed to be fit for promotion. If that person happens to be a candidate from a community other than for whom the vacancy was reserved, the reservation would be carried forward to the subsequent recruitment/selection/trade test year for SCs/STs both in Direct Recruitment

and Promotion categories, and for OBCs in Direct Recruitment category only. In the subsequent year, the first vacancy, even though it might be a single vacancy in that year, shall be treated as reserved in favour of SCs/STs/OBCs as the case may be, and shall be filled by a person of the respective community.

3. In the subsequent year, if for any reason, the vacancy is not filled by a person of the community in whose favour it is reserved, the reservation shall be carried forward to three selection/trade test/recruitment years as per extant instructions, as is done in the case of Group 'C' & 'D' posts.

4. These orders will come into effect from the date of issue of this letter. Earlier cases decided as per extant rules prior to issue of this letter will not be reviewed/revised. This issues with the approval of Board.

Please acknowledge the receipt.


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