

Notice for Candidates Shortlisted for DV for CEN 03/2015

Some candidates have approached RRBs seeking clarification regarding maintenance of standby list for the post of Assistant Station Master (ASM) or otherwise.

It is clarified that the post of ASM has now been upgraded and re-designated as Station Master as per recommendations of 7th Pay Commission. Accordingly the Grade Pay (GP) for the post stands revised from Rs 2800/- to 4200/-. Para 1.07.02 of CEN 03/2015 specified that there will not be any standby list for the posts i.e. Commercial Apprentice and Traffic Apprentice (having GP of Rs 4200/). With up-gradation of GP for the post of ASM to Rs 4200/- subsequent to the issue of the CEN, the principle of not keeping the standby list for posts having GP of Rs 4200/- stands extended to the post of ASM also. **Keeping this in view the candidates were also afforded opportunity to exercise options afresh before declaration of the result of Second Stage CBT itself.**

Candidates specific attention is invited to the Para 8.10 of the CEN and Note 1 of the Result for DV published in August 2017 wherein it has been mentioned that calling of around 50% extra candidates over and above the number of modified vacancies for document verification (DV) is primarily to make good any likely shortfall arising due to various reasons during formation of panel. With call of around 50% extra candidates over and above the number of modified vacancies for DV for all the notified posts this aspect has been taken care of. This has ensured that the interest of meritorious candidates is strictly safeguarded while forming the panel.

Para 1.07.02 of CEN clearly specifies that RRBs reserve right to utilize the standby list, **if required**. Whether the standby list will get operated or not depends on several factors including materialization of candidates as well as review of the requirement of the manpower from time to time. There have been several instances in the past wherein the standby lists have not been operated at all.

In the case of multi-post examination having multiple grades as NTPC(Graduate) Exam, a common standby list can be prepared, after sending the main panel, only of categories which have lower grade pay. The reason is that the candidates of standby list would be lower in merit than many candidates in the main panel who are empanelled for lower than 4200 GP posts. Hence, it will be a grave injustice to the candidates who though having a higher merit join on posts of Grade Pay Rs.2800/- or Rs.2000/- and later on candidates further lower in merit from standby list are empanelled for posts of grade pay Rs.4200/-. Moreover, standby candidates have no claim to get empanelled as a matter of right.

Further Para 1.07.03 of CEN specifies that once a candidate has been allotted a category the same will not be reviewed/revised/re-allotted under any circumstances. Thus no sliding is permitted across categories after publication of panel. In view of this, once the panel has been published allotting categories to the candidates, subsequent empanelment of candidates from standby list (who are essentially lower in merit than the empanelled candidates) to the categories for which the GP is higher than the other categories and for which option of higher merit candidates could not materialize at the time of publication of panel will not be correct and will jeopardize the settled principle of merit cum option.

In view of the above, it may please be noted that the standby lists shall be kept by RRBs only for the categories having GP of less than 4200/-.

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