



EAST COAST RAILWAY

Office of the Principal Chief Personnel Officer, 2nd Floor, Rail Sadan,
Chandrasekharapur, Bhubaneswar, Odisha - 751017.

Recruitment against Cultural Quota for the year 2024-25

Employment Notice No. ECoR /Pers/Cultural/2024-25

Date of issue: 19.07.2024

Closing Date: 18.08.2024

Closing Time: 18.00 Hrs.

(For residents of Andaman, Nicobar & Lakshadweep: Closing Date: 31.8.2024 Closing Time: 18.00 Hrs.)

Tentative date of Examination -2nd week of September 2024

1. Applications are invited from eligible candidates for filling up of 02 (two) post in Level-2 of 7th CPC against Cultural quota vacancies in the following discipline for the year 2024-25 over East Coast Railway:

Srl. No.	Discipline	No. of Posts
1.	Female Vocalist	01
2.	Guitarist	01

1.1. Reservation : The posts against this quota are open to all candidates and candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/PWD categories who apply against this quota be extended relaxation in age limit as admissible in general open market recruitment. However, in case of being selected with any relaxation on account of being a candidate from the above categories, he/she will be taken against reserved roster point.

2. ELIGIBILITY NORMS :

2.1. Professional Cultural Qualifications:

(A) Essential

Sr. No.	Discipline	Cultural Qualification
1.	Female Vocalist	Possession of degree / diploma / certificate in Vocal Music from any Government recognized Institute.
2.	Guitarist	Possession of degree / diploma / certificate in String Instrument from any Government recognized Institute.

- (B) Desirable:** (i) Valid Certificate showing experience in relevant field and performance given on AIR / Doordarshan etc.
(ii) Valid Certificate showing Prizes won in competitions held at National level by concerned Academic/ recognized by Government.

2.2. Educational Qualifications:

- (i) Passed 12th (+2 stage) or its equivalent examination with not less than 50% marks in the aggregate. 50% marks in the aggregate for NTPC categories.
50% is not to be insisted upon in case of SC/ST/Ex-Servicemen/Persons with Disabilities (PWD) candidates and in case of candidates who possess qualifications higher than the essential minimum prescribed qualification.

NOTE: Persons if appointed to the category of Clerk-cum-Typist should acquire Typing proficiency of 30 w.p.m. in English or 25 w.p.m. in Hindi within a period of two years from the date of appointment and till such time their appointments to this category will be provisional.

OR

(ii) **Matriculation plus Course Complete Act Apprenticeship** approved by NCVT/SCVT for technical categories.

OR

(iii) **Matriculation plus ITI approved by NCVT/SCVT** for technical categories.

2.3. Age Limit: 18 to 30 years

The lower and upper age limit will be reckoned as on **01.01.2025**. The upper age limit is relaxable, subject to requisite certificates only as under:

Srl. No.	Community/Categories	Relaxation in Upper age limit (OR) Maximum upper age		
1.	SC/ST candidates	5 years		
2.	OBC – Non Creamy layer candidates	3 Years		
3.	Ex. Servicemen candidates who have put in more than 6 months service after attestation	Up to the extent of service rendered in Defense plus 3 years		
4.	Persons with Disability (40% & above)	UR	OBC- Non Creamy layer	SC-ST
		10 years	13 years	15 Years
5	Candidates ordinarily been domiciled in the State of Jammu & Kashmir during the period from 01.01.1980 to 31.12.1989	5 Years		
6.	Candidates who are serving Group ‘C’ and Erstwhile Group ‘D’ Railway Staff, Casual Labour and Substitutes in Railways who have put in minimum of 3 years service (Continuous or in broken spells)	UR	OBC- Non Creamy layer	SC-ST
		40 Years of age	43 years of age	45 years of age
7.	Candidates who are working in Quasi-Administrative offices of the Railways organization such a Railway Canteens, Co-operative Societies and Institutes	Up to the length of service rendered (or) 5 years, whichever is lower.		
8.	Women candidates who are widowed divorced or judicially separated from husband but not remarried	UR	OBC- Non Creamy layer	SC-ST
		35 years of age	38 years of age	40 years of age
9.	Course Completed Act Apprentices applying for the posts for which minimum qualification is ITI/Course Completed Act Apprenticeship	Shall be relaxed to the extent of Apprentice Training undergone by them under the Apprentice Act 1961.		
10	Candidates who are Course Completed Act Apprentice under Apprenticeship Act before attaining the age of 25 years	UR	OBC- Non Creamy layer	SC-ST
		35 years of age	38 years of age	40 Years of age

2.4 Date of birth of candidates should be between the dates given below (Both dates inclusive):

Age Group	Upper limit of Date of Birth (Not earlier than)			Lower limit of Date of Birth (Not Later than)
	UR	OBC- Non Creamy layer	SC-ST	For all community/ Categories
18 to 30 years	02.01.1995	02.01.1992	02.01.1990	02.01.2007

3. HOW TO APPLY :

3.1 A candidate for appointment to Railway Service must be:

- (a) A citizen of India, or
- (b) A subject of Nepal, or
- (c) A subject of Bhutan, or
- (d) A Tibetan refugee who came over to India before 1st January, 1962, with the intention of permanently setting in India, or
- (e) a person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka, The East African Countries of Kenya, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania or from Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India.

Provided that a candidates belonging to categories (b), (c), (d) and (e) above shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government of India.

- 3.2 A candidate in whose case a certificate of eligibility is necessary can be admitted to the examination but, if selected, the offer of appointment will be given only after the submission of necessary Eligibility Certificate issued to him/her by the Government of India.

3.3 Application Fee:

Candidates should submit application fee for an amount mentioned below in the form of Demand Draft / Pay Order from any Nationalized Bank, or crossed Indian Postal Order from any Post Office (issued on or after the date of this notification) drawn in favour of “**Principal Financial Adviser, East Coast Railway, payable at Bhubaneswar**”.

Sl No	Category	Amount to be submitted
i)	For all candidates except those mentioned in (ii) below	Rs. 500/- (Five Hundred Only). Rs. 400/- will be refunded to those who actually appear in the written examination.
ii)	SC/ST, Ex-Servicemen, Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), Women, Minorities, and Economic Backward Classes. (whose family income is less than Rs.50,000/- per annum)	Rs. 250/- (Rupees Two Hundred Fifty Only). The amount will be refunded to those who actually appear in the written examination.

Note: Certificate in proof of the above issued by the authorities authorized to issue such certificate should be enclosed along with the application form for getting relaxation in the application fee. Candidates should check their eligibility thoroughly before applying. Fee in respect of candidates who are ineligible, but still apply, shall not be refunded.

3.4. Instruction for filling up the application Form:

- (i) The notification with the application form are available in East Coast Railway website www.rccbbs.org.in. Candidates should carefully read the instructions before filling up application form. Application Form should be made on a good quality white A-4 (210x297 mm) size paper using ONE SIDE ONLY. The candidate should use the same format as available in the website.
- (ii) The candidate has to fill up required information in his/her own handwriting using blue / black ball point pen. The application should be filled either in English or Hindi but not in any other language. Application filled in any language other than Hindi/English and having any change in the format of application will lead to rejection of application summarily.
- (iii) One recent passport size photograph (4cm x 5cm) should be affixed on the application form without fail. The Photo may preferably be not older than 3 month as on date of applying. The photo should clearly reveal the full face and should be taken without wearing cap and goggles/coloured glasses. Photo should be new, sharp and clear, with light background, suitable for scanning and printing. Do not put any mark or signature on the front side of the affixed photograph. The photograph should be neatly and firmly pasted in the prescribed space, and not stapled or pinned. **Photograph should not be attested.**

- (iv) One loose extra photograph with name, date of birth, and signature of the candidate written on the backside should be attached along with the application form.
- (v) Candidate should copy the paragraph at Item-25 of the application form in his/her own running handwriting (not in capital/spaced out letters) in the space given below the paragraph.
- (vi) Signature of the applicant must be full and in running hand not in block capital letter or disjointed letters. Candidates are required to sign in English or in Hindi in the prescribed places provided in the application form.
- (vii) While filling up the application, candidates have to ensure that the signatures and two marks of physical identification (like a mole on the nose, cut-mark on the forehead in the left side or a scar mark below the left arm etc) are clearly given without fail. Candidates should also give two left thumb impressions in the application form. If the LTIs are not clear and are smudged, the application will be liable to be rejected.
- (viii) Applicant should write on the top of the envelope containing the application as follows: **“Application against Cultural Quota Recruitment for the year 2024-25.”**
- (ix) Candidates should send their applications so as to reach at the address mentioned at para 3.5 below on or before the closing date and time. Railway Administration shall not be responsible for any postal delays. Application received after the last date & time would be summarily rejected.
- (x) Candidates should note that only Date of Birth as recorded in the Matriculation/High School Examination Certificate is to be considered.
- (xi) Candidate should write his/her name, father’s name / husband’s name in capital letters as given in educational Certificate.
- (xii) Before applying for a post, the candidate should ensure that he/she fulfils the eligibility and other criteria stipulated for the post. The Railway Administration would be free to reject any application not fulfilling the requisite criteria at any stage of recruitment and if erroneously appointed, such candidate is liable to be summarily removed from service even after appointment.
- (xiii) While filling up the application, candidates serving in any Government Department or Public Sector Undertaking including Railways may give a “Declaration” that they have intimated the fact of their applying for the exam to their office in the event of their selection, they will submit NOC from their employer at the time of Document Verification. In case they fail to submit NOC at the time of Document Verification, their candidature would be cancelled.
- (xiv) Those candidates who are debarred from appearing in any of the RRB/RRC exams need not apply unless their debarment period is over by the closing date of this Employment Notification. Otherwise, their applications shall not be entertained.
- (xv) Applicant should enclose with the application a set of **Self-Attested** legible xerox copies of all certificates:- (a) in proof of Cultural Qualification (b) educational qualification (c) age (d) community (e) PWD certificate (if applicable) etc.
- (xvi) Applicant should fill all 25 columns in the application without fail.

3.5 Address for sending application : Candidates should send their applications by Ordinary post/Registered post/Speed post to the Assistant Personnel Officer (HQ), 2nd Floor, South Block , Rail Sadan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar, Odisha – 751017. Alternatively, candidates can drop their applications directly in Drop Box placed at the office premises of Principal Chief Personnel Officer, 2nd Floor, South Block, Rail Sadan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar, Odisha – 751017.

4. Recruitment Process:

- 4.1** The recruitment will be based on the written test/CBT followed by a Practical Demonstration and Document Verification. Candidates recommended for appointment will have to undergo medical examination and should be found fit and should have requisite medical fitness as per the Medical Classification prescribed for the selection post.
- 4.2** The eligible candidates will be called for written test/CBT. The qualified candidates as per merit position in written test will be called for Practical Demonstration(PD). A candidate has to secure minimum 35% marks in the written examination to make him/her eligible to appear for the PD. Candidates in the ratio of 1:5 the notified vacancy will be called for the Practical Demonstration. The candidates, who are found eligible in all respects, will be considered on the following basis.

Written Test will consist of objective Type question. There will be negative marking in the Written Test and 1/3rd of the marks allotted for the question will be deducted for every wrong answer.	50 Marks
Talent Test in the relevant field with Practical Demonstration. (i) For the post of Guitarist, Demonstration will be against Guitar Instrument only. (ii) For the post of Female Vocalist, Demonstration will be against Classical/semi classical Vocal Music.	35 Marks
Testimonials/ Prizes etc.	15 Marks
Total	100 Marks

Tentative date of Examination – 4th week of Sep, 2024

Syllabus for CBT

For the above recruitment, the questions will be objective type with multiple choices and are likely to include:

(a) **Mathematics:**

Number System, Decimals, Fractions, LCM,HCF, Ratio and Proportion, Percentage, Menstruation, Time and work, Time and distance, Simple and Compound Interest, Profit and Loss, Elementary Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Elementary Statistics etc.

(b) **General Intelligence and Reasoning:**

Analogies, Completion of Number and Alphabetical Series, coding and decoding, Mathematical Operations, Similarities and Differences, Relationships, Analytical Reasoning, Syllogism, Jumbling, Venn diagrams, Puzzle, Data Sufficiency, Statement – Conclusion, Statement – Courses of Action, Decision making, maps Interpretation of Graphs etc.

(c) **General Awareness:**

Current Events of national and International Importance, Games and Sports, Art and Culture of India, Indian Literature, Monuments and Places of India, General Science and Life Science (up to 10th CBSE), History of India and Freedom struggle, Physical, Social and Economic Geography of India and World, Indian Polity and Governance – constitution and political system, General Scientific and Technological Development including space and Nuclear program of India, UN and other important world organization, Environmental issues concerning India and world at large, Basics of Computes and Computer Applications, Common Abbreviation, Transport systems in India, Indian Economy Famous Personalities of India and world, Flagship Government programs, Flora and Fauna of India, Important Government and Public Sector Organisation of India etc.

5. OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS :

- (i) Eligibility status of the candidate shall be made available on East Coast Railway website www.rrcbbs.org.in Candidates can verify their eligibility from the website.
- (ii) Applications not fulfilling any of the terms and conditions given in this notification shall be summarily rejected.
- (iii) Applicant should possess requisite educational and cultural qualifications on the date of submission of application.
- (iv) Discrepancies in the application submitted would render the candidate ineligible at any time during the selection.

- (v) Eligible applicants will be issued with call letters to their correspondence address, for the Written Test. East coast Railway will upload the list of eligible and ineligible candidates applying for the notified vacancies in the website of East Coast Railway website address www.rrcbbs.org.in for general information and viewing. No other intimation of rejection, other than uploading the list in the above mentioned website, would be communicated to ineligible candidates.
- (vi) Selected candidates have to pass the requisite medical fitness standards prior to appointment.
- (vii) In the event of appointment to Clerk-cum- typist posts in Group-C railway service, candidates will be required to acquire typing proficiency of 30 w.p.m. in English or 25 w.p.m. in Hindi within a period of two years from the date of appointment, and till such time, appointment will be provisional.
- (viii) Decision of East Coast Railway in all matters relating to this recruitment shall be final.
- (ix) The candidates applying against this notification should keep track of the Date of Written Test / Practical Demonstration which will be notified through the official website of East Coast Railway. In case the applicant does not receive the call letter before the notified date of written examination due to postal delay, the applicant should report to the Assistant Personnel Officer (Recruitment) in person for duplicate call letter **one day before the day of the written examination**. Duplicate call letter will be issued on production of original photo Identity Card i.e. Aadhar Card, Voter Identity Card, PAN Card, Passport or Driving License etc.
- (x) Candidates may download recruitment notification and application form available on East Coast Railway website address www.rrcbbs.org.in .
- (xi) Selected candidates are likely to be posted anywhere on East Coast Railway after successful completion of all pre-appointment formalities, including training wherever prescribed.

6. LEGAL JURISDICTION: For any legal disputes, the jurisdiction will be the Central Administrative Tribunal, Cuttack.

7. CAUTION: Recruitment is purely merit based. East Coast Railway have not appointed any agent or coaching centre for acting on its behalf for this recruitment. Candidates are cautioned against any false claims made by any unscrupulous persons/agencies of getting them selected in this recruitment on illegal consideration. If they come across any such persons/agencies, please do inform to Chairman, Railway Recruitment Cell, 2nd Floor, South Block, Rail Sadan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751017. They can also inform to the Sr. DGM cum Chief Vigilance Officer, Rail Sadan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar, Odisha - 751017.

FOR PRINCIPAL CHIEF PERSONNEL OFFICER