



SOUTHERN RAILWAY

No.M/P(Admn)608/Selec /Protocol/2026
(E-File No.71494)

Divisional Railway Manager's Office,
Personnel Branch, Chennai Division,
Chennai-600003.Dt. As Signed

Notification No: 01 /2026

All Branch Officers/Chennai Division.

Sub: Selection for the Post of Protocol Inspector in Level 7(Ex Cadre)

It is proposed to fill up **01 Post** of Protocol Inspector in Level-7 of 7thCPC pay matrix (Ex-Cadre) in General Branch of Chennai Division.

The eligibility conditions and selection process is as under:-

1	Application	Eligible volunteers can apply <u>only through online</u> in the following link: https://www.pbmas.in/notifications/
2	General Job Requirement	Language - ability to read, write and speaking knowledge in English and Hindi. Willing to travel extensively and at short notice Ability to maintain social contact, positive temperament and in keeping with the corporate image of Indian Railways. Behavioral traits should indicate an amicable pleasant disposition coupled with good business etiquettes and to deal effectively with any unstructured situations. Ability to network, liaise, communicate effectively with all State Govt/Central Govt/Public sector and private/Corporate entities directly or indirectly involved with Railways. Ability to facilitate and arrange convenient entry and reception at airport other VIP interface points Ability to deal with Hon'ble MP's/MLA's and other VIP's tactfully

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2	Eligible staff to apply	Employees of all Department working in Level-7 and in one grade below i.e., Level-06 of VII PC on regular basis in the cadre post and should have rendered a minimum of two years service in the immediate lower grade in which he/she should be working are only eligible to apply.
		Employees who are working in Construction units/Projects/RE and fulfilling eligibility criteria can also apply, provided their lien is maintained in MAS division/Southern Railway. On selection they have to be repatriated to Division.
3	Educational Qualifications	Graduation in any discipline from UGC recognized institution in any stream as on the date of notification. The qualification as entered in Service Register only will be accepted.
		Knowledge of working in computers (MS Office).
4	Service conditions	Level 7 and one grade below i.e level 6 of VII PC on regular basis in the cadre post and should have rendered a minimum of two years service in the immediate lower grade
5	Cut-off date	The cut-off date for determining the eligibility of the employees will be the date of issue of notification(RBE 117/2006).
6	Syllabus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic knowledge about Indian Railways • English Language Skill. • General knowledge about all areas of protocol work. • General knowledge of organizational setup of Zonal railways. • Knowledge of Raj Bhasha will be tested by simple translations in day to day usage. • Official language policy and Rules.
7	Mode of selection	<p>The selection consists of professional ability and record of service. Professional ability includes written examination under CBT and viva-voce.</p> <p>Those employees who secure 60% and above in written examination will be eligible to be called for Viva-voce. Those who secure 60% and above in professional ability and record of service in aggregate are eligible for empanelment on the basis of merit, limited to vacancies notified.</p> <p>In terms of PBC 204/2024 the written examination will be conducted under Centralized Computer Based Test (CCBT) mode.</p>

8	Written Examination	<p>(i) The selection consists of written test as per Board's letter No.E(NG)/1/2018/PM1/4 dated 14.12.2018 (RBE 196/2018). The Question Paper will be 100% Objective type multiple choice questions.</p> <p>(ii) In terms of PBC.No.205/2016, 10% of the total marks will be set on Official Language Policy and Rules. But the questions on the same will not be of compulsory in nature and is purely optional.</p> <p>(iii) In terms of PBC No.176/2025, the question paper will be on Bilingual(Hindi & English) form as per Para 7.3 of Mater Circular-31.</p> <p>(iv) In terms of Railway board letter No.E(NG) 1/2018/PM 1/4 dated 14.11.2019 (RBE 194/2019) there will be negative marking @ 1/3 mark for a wrong answer.</p> <p>(v) In terms of PBC 268/2022 the written examination shall be conducted CCBT (Centralized Computer Based Test) mode.</p> <p>(vi) The instructions for CCBT will be issued in due course.</p> <p>(vii) Electronic devices will not be allowed inside the examination hall and the <u>violators of the above guidelines will be taken up under DAR.</u></p> <p>In terms of Para 3 of RBE No:122/2023 in case of the question(s)/ Answer(s) in the Questions paper are incorrect, the procedure as prescribed in the letter no:2010/E(RRB)/25/27 dated:9.6.11 is to be adopted only for those candidates who have attempted that/those incorrect question(s) or question(s) with wrong answer(s).</p>
9	Supplementary examination	There will be no Supplementary written examination.
10	Procedure for Empanelment	The final panel will be drawn in the order of merit based on aggregate marks of 'Professional Ability' and 'viva voce. However, a candidate must secure a minimum of 60% marks in the 'Professional Ability' and 60% marks in the aggregate for consideration of placement in the panel and the final empanelment is subject to availability of vacancies.

11. Notifying the staff

13.1 Cadre controlling Officers should ensure that the notification is brought to the notice of all concerned, if any of the employees belonging to these seniority units is on deputation elsewhere with their lien still on these units, they should also be intimated by concerned cadre controlling officers, about the notification.

13.2 Staff who are on deputation/leave/sick should also be notified to enable them to submit their applications through proper channel in time. It is the responsibility of the Supervisor concerned to bring the notification to the notice of staff on deputation/leave/Sick under clear acknowledgement.

13.3 If any complaint is received from the employees for not being notified of the said notification, supervisory staff concerned will be held responsible.

13.4 Employees already working in another ex cadre post on the date of this notification (or) not completed two years of gap on the date of this notification need not apply.

13.5 The normal tenure of Protocol inspector is 5 years in terms of Brd Letter dated 27.08.04 and may be extended for 2 more years in individual cases, depending upon individual merit. However if they do not come up to the standard required, they will be repatriated at any time to their parent cadre without assigning any reasons, whatsoever, at short notice.

13.6 On being selected, withdrawal will not be entertained. Hence concerned branch officer should be ready to relieve the employee on being selected.

14 HOW TO APPLY

Employees who are eligible as per the terms and conditions notified above, should submit their applications “on-line” in the portal in the Chennai Division website through the link www.pbmas.in/notifications/

Opening date for on-line registration **18/02/2026**

Closing date for on-line registration **11/03/2026**

Please note that physical applications (in paper format) will not be accepted and will be rejected summarily.

The method of submitting application will be

- Employee should fill in the details in the on-line portal in the prescribed proforma/format.
- After completely filling the application, the application should be downloaded and forwarding signature of the supervisor should be obtained on the downloaded application
- After this, the application should be scanned and uploaded in the website.
- The employee should upload relevant document with the application at the time of submission.
- In case the application is not uploaded after obtaining the signature of the supervisor, it will be considered as ‘unwillingness of the employee’ and the name of the employee will not be considered any further. It shall be the responsibility of the

Supervisors concerned to give wide publicity about this notification including those who are working outside the Division on temporary transfer/deputation etc., whose lien is with MAS Division, as well as those who are either on leave or on sick list.

15. GENERAL

After scrutiny, the list of eligible employees to appear in the selection will be notified in the website. Hence, employees may keep a constant watch to get the updates. It shall be noted that on submitting application, the employee becomes equally responsible for ascertaining his eligibility and appearing in the written examination, if eligible, etc. Hence, they have to watch the updates at frequent intervals, which will be posted in the website (www.pbmas.in) regarding this selection. This notification is also available in Chennai Division Personnel Department website at Railnet.

Tentative Schedule for the Selection		
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1	Final date for submission of application	Latest by 11.03.2026
2	Publication of eligibility list	Latest by 19.03.2026
3	Notification of Final number of vacancies taking into account unfilled vacancies in PQ, if any	--
4	Written Examination	30.04.2026
5	Finalization of Panel	Latest by 29.05.2026

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CORRIGENDUM

Sub: Notification for filling up the post of Protocol Inspector
(ex-cadre) in Level-7 – Reg

Ref: This office Notification of even number, dt:16.02.2026

Please refer the above. In partial modification to the notification cited, the following conditions are added/modified as detailed below.

(A) The following conditions are added to Para – 4: "Service conditions".

"(ii) The employee will have a overall tenure of 4 years, extendable by one year in terms of PBC No.116/2023.

(iii) In the event of empanelment of an employee who is already working in an ex-cadre post, the overall tenure of this ex-cadre post will be governed as per the instructions contained in PBC No.116/2023.

(B) Para 13.4 & 13.5 of the notification is modified as given below.

13.4 - An employee who has been repatriated to the cadre post after completion of tenure in the ex-cadre post will be eligible to apply after the minimum prescribed cooling period in terms of PBC No.116/2023"

13.5 - The normal tenure of the ex-cadre post of Protocol Inspector will be four years, extendable by one year, in terms of PBC No.116/2023, depending upon the merits of the individual. The employee once posted, is also liable to be repatriated to the parent cadre without assigning any reason whatsoever, in case of non-performance or poor performance.

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All other terms and conditions stipulated in the above referred notification remain unchanged.

This has the approval of competent authority.

Wide publicity may be given to all concerned accordingly.

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