

## SOUTHERN RAILWAY

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Personnel Department,  
Chennai Divn.  
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Notification No:27/2025

### All Supervisory officials Concerned/PWAY/Chennai Division.

Sub: Filling up of vacancies of Ballast Train Checker-BTC (Ex-Cadre) in Level 4 of Pay Matrix in VII CPC (PB Rs 5200-20200 with GP Rs. 2400/-)-Engineering Department-Chennai Division.

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It is proposed to fill up 06 posts of Ballast Train Checker (Ex-Cadre) in Level 4 of VII PC Pay Matrix (PB Rs. 5200-20200 with GP Rs. 2400 in VIPC). The community wise breakup of vacancies is furnished below.

Category	UR	SC	ST	Total
BTC	Nil	05	01	06

### The eligibility conditions and selection process is as under:

1.	<b>Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Volunteers from Track maintainers working in Level 2 of VII PC Pay Matrix (PRs. 5200-20200 GP Rs.1900/-) and Level 1 of VII PC Pay Matrix (PBRs. 5200-20200 GP Ra 1800/-) with minimum 2 years of regular service as on date of Notification will be eligible.</li><li>➤ The minimum educational qualification is 10<sup>th</sup> standard and sufficient working knowledge in English to prepare daily reports is desirable.</li><li>➤ The employees working in Construction (MTP/RE) Organization whose lien is maintained in Track maintainer seniority of Chennai Division are also eligible to apply through Supervisory official of Construction Organization/MTP/RE and the same should be certified while forwarding the application to the effect that they are holding lien in Chennai Division</li></ul>
2.	<b>Date of examination</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ The date, venue and time of written examination will be intimated in due course.</li></ul>
3.	<b>Medical Fitness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Fitness in AYE THREE medical classification is mandatory for the post of BTC.</li></ul>
4.	<b>Syllabus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Is enclosed as <b>Annexure A.</b></li></ul>
5.	<b>Pre-Promotional Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Pre-promotional training will be organized by the Controlling Officer covering the syllabus for prescribed period for employees belonging to SC/ST communities - in terms of Railway Board's letter No.96-E(SCT)-1/80/1 Pt.XVII dated 15.12.1997 (RBE 174/1997).</li><li>➤ In case, if any <b>SC/ST</b> employees express unwillingness for PPT, a written declaration to that effect may be obtained and forwarded to this office for record.</li></ul>

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6.	<b>Mode of Selection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The selection will consist of written examination and perusal of record of service in terms of Railway Board's letter No.E(NG)/1/2018/PM1/4 dated 14.12.2018.</li> <li>➤ A candidate has to obtain a minimum of 60% marks in Professional Ability i.e. in written examination for being considered for further selection process of perusal of Service Record. (APAR, Education Qualification, Penalty/Award)</li> <li>➤ The post of BTC being classified as Safety Category post, there is no relaxation in qualifying marks to employees belonging to the category of SC/ST and hence they are also required to secure 60% marks in the written examination.</li> </ul>
7.	<b>Procedure for Exam</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 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.</li> <li>➤ In terms of PBC.No.205/2016, 10% of the total marks will be set on <b>Official Language Policy and Rules</b>. But the questions on the same will not be of compulsory in nature and is purely optional.</li> <li>➤ In terms of PCPO/MAS Letter No. P(R)608/P/Vol. XV(OL) dated 28.06.2019, Question Papers will be in Trilingual (English, Hindi &amp; Tamil language) for the selection.</li> <li>➤ <u>There shall be <b>negative marking</b> for incorrect answer. <b>One third</b> of the marks allotted for each question will be deducted for wrong answers.</u></li> <li>➤ The written examination will be conducted in <b>OMR</b>.</li> <li>➤ Electronic devices will not be allowed inside the examination hall and the <u><b>violators of the above guidelines will be taken up under DAR.</b></u></li> <li>➤ 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 RB letter No. 2010/E/(RRB)25/27 dated: 09.06.11 is to be adopted only for those candidates who have attempted that/those incorrect question(s) or question(s) with wrong answer(s).</li> </ul>
8.	<b>Supplementary written examination</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There will not be any <b>supplementary examination</b>.</li> </ul>
9.	<b>Procedure for Drawl of Panel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Those employees who have secured minimum 60% marks will be declared qualified and only those employees who are securing aggregate of 60% of marks in written examination and Record of service will be eligible for placement in the Panel. As BTC is an Ex-Cadre post filled by calling volunteers, the Panel will be determined on the basis of order of merit among those who qualified in Level 2 of V PC Pay Matrix (PB Rs. 5200-20200 GP Rs 1900/-) In case of adequate number of employees in Level 2 of V PC Pay Matrix (PB Rs. 5200-20200 GP Rs 1900/-) being not qualified, employees in Level 1 of V PC Pay Matrix (PB Rs. 5200-20200 GP Rs. 1800/-) will be considered on the basis of merit among those who qualified in Level 1 of VII CPC Pay</li> </ul>

		Matrix (PB Rs. 5200-20200 GP Rs. 1800/-) to the extent of requirement as laid down in the policy circulated vide PBC No. 94/2000.
10.	<b>Training after empanelment</b>	➤ Employees empanelled for the post have to undergo training at MDZTI/TPJ for Prescribed period.

11. The lien of employees who are selected to the post of BTC(Ex-cadre) in Level 4 of VII PC of will continue to be maintained in their parent seniority units. Whenever promotion opportunities based on such lien in their parent unit comes up for them, they will be duly notified and considered for such promotion in their lien unit. In case on being offered promotion after due process in the parent lien avenue, an employee refuses the promotion and prefers to continue in the Ex-Cadre post of BTC, that employee will be debarred for one year as per usual rules of promotion. This is an Ex-cadre post and the normal tenure of BTC will be five years. However, in case of poor/unsatisfactory performance, the employees will be repatriated to their parent cadre even before completion of normal tenure.

#### 12. How to Apply:

Applications are invited only through online. The link for the same [www.pbmas.in/notifications/](http://www.pbmas.in/notifications/) Instructions for applying on line is at ANNEXURE-B.

**Opening date for On-line registration: 11.08.2025**

**Closing date for On-line registration: 10.09.2025**

- Wide publicity should be given to this letter for information of the staff. The copy of notification should be displayed on notice board and the Supervisor concerned should ensure the same.
- If any complaint is received from the employees for not being notified of the said notification, supervisory staff concerned will be held responsible.

**Encl: Annexure A(Syllabus)  
Annexure B**

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**SYLLABUS FOR BALLAST TRAIN CHECKER (BTC) EX-CADRE**

1. Different types of Ballast Trucks in use with Engineering Department their category etc (General knowledge about BTCs).
2. Knowledge about various kinds of Ballast used for Track, as also terms of permanent way materials, their weight with relation to the carrying capacity of each Vehicle.
3. General knowledge about haulage capacity of engines normally allotted for BT working number of vehicles with lead the engine could haul etc, in the different Actions with reference to gradients etc.
4. Knowledge about the functions of the Guard in charge of Ballast Train.
5. Knowledge about standard specification for working Ballast Trains for Contractors and Contractor's responsibilities, and duties of Ballet Checker and Guard etc.
6. Preparation of daily reports, calculation of useful Engineering hours of Ballast Train working etc.
7. Knowledge about departmental procedure followed in collection of ballast and distinguishing between measured and unmeasured stacks at the quarry.
8. Capacity to locate Ballast stacks enumerated for being trains out of PWI, AEN and measuring and arriving at quantity of part stocks left behind.
9. Capacity of grasp instructions given regarding quantity to be unloaded at each location, regarding telegraph posts.
10. Knowledge about safety rules and other rules framed for the unloading of Ballast (i.e) at clear distance from the Track unloading clear of signal wires.
11. General knowledge about the Rules governing the working stabling of Ballast Trains etc. as provided in CRS.
12. General knowledge about provisions of Employment of Children Act Employment of Women etc. for loading and unloading and Hours of Employment regulations.
13. Duties when any Ballast Labourer or Labourers get injured in course of work and writing report on the occurrence.
14. Action to be taken when BT gets cancelled due to want of power or Guard resumption of BT working.
15. Any other Rules relating to Ballast Train working especially applicable to be concerned Engineering or Traffic District.
16. Official Language Policy and Rules.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICANTS**

1. 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/](http://www.pbmas.in/notifications/)
2. Please note that physical applications (in www.pbmas.in/notifications/paper format) will not be accepted and will be rejected summarily. The method of submitting application will be
  - a. Employee should fill in the details in the on-line portal in the prescribed proforma/format.
  - b. After completely filling the application, the application should be downloaded and forwarding signature of the supervisor should be obtained on the downloaded application.
  - c. After this, the application should be scanned and uploaded in the website along with the relevant documents.
3. The employee should upload relevant document with the application at the time of submission.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. The following applications will be considered as invalid Application not in prescribed format.
  - a. Application without signature or with signature in capital letters.
  - b. Incorrect application.
  - c. Application without valid enclosures. Variation documents in enclosed.
  - d. the information furnished in the application versus the Leaving any column blank in the application form.
  - e. Suppression of facts or furnishing false information in application.
  - f. Any other irregularity.