

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

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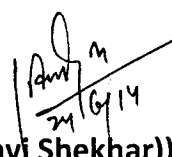
The General Manager (P),
All Zonal Railways/PUs,
Chairman/RRBs & RRCs.

Sub:- Recruitment of Persons with disabilities from open market – relaxation in standard of suitability- regarding.

Attention is invited to para 7 of Department of Personnel and Training's OM No.36035/3/2004-Estt. (Res) dated 29/12/2005, wherein, it has been stipulated that Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) selected on their own merit without relaxed standard along with other candidates will not be adjusted against the reserved share of vacancies, while conducting open market recruitment. The reserved vacancies will be filled up separately from amongst the eligible candidates with disabilities which will thus comprise disabled candidates who are lower in merit list but otherwise found suitable for appointment, if necessary, by relaxed standards. Since in terms of para ibid, the term 'relaxed standard' has not been defined, this Ministry had approached DoP&T, who advised that the term relaxed standard may vary in regard to various posts and services of the Central Government. They have agreed with the view taken by the Ministry that **relaxation in the form of exemption from PET, when availed by a PWD candidate, renders him/her ineligible for consideration against general merit.**

Please acknowledge receipt.

(This also disposes of W.C.Railway's letter No. P.HQ/Rectt/1410/RRC/Gr.D/PH Misc. dated 24.2.2014 and NC Railway's letter No. RRC/NCR/ALD/RKS/2012 dated 29.1.2014)


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