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Sub: Introduction of objective Type Questions in the written test held  
as part of selection fro promotion to posts classified as 'selection'.

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A copy of Railway Board's letter No.E(NG)I-2014/PM1/17-C.C. dated  
05/09/2014 is sent herewith for information, guidance and necessary action.

Board's letters referred to therein were circulated as under:

Sr.No.	Railway Bd's letter No. & Date	GM(E)-CCG's letter No. & Date.
01.	Railway Board's letter No. E(NG)I-2000/PM1/41dated 8/03/2002 (RBE No. 32/2002)	No.EP1025/0VOL.VI dt.15/03/2002 (P.S.No.53/2002)
02.	Railway Board's letter No. E(NG)I-2000/PM1/41dated 07/08/2003 (RBE NO.137/03)	No. EP 1025/0 VOL.VI dt.12/08/ 2003 (P.S.No.130/2003)
03.	Railway Board's letter No. E(NG)I-2000/PM1/18 dated 30/08/2006(RBE No. 123/2006)	No. EP 1025/0 VOL.VII dt.11-15/08/2003 (P.S.No.131/2006)

Encl: As above.

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17/9/14

(Rajesh Chaudhari)  
Dy.CPO (HRD)  
For General Manager (E)

भारत सरकार/GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
रेल मंत्रालय/MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(रेलवे बोर्ड)/RAILWAY BOARD

No. E(NG)I-2014/PM1/17-C.C.

New Delhi, dated 5.09.2014

The General Managers  
All Indian Railways / Production Units

**Subject:** Introduction of Objective Type Questions in the written test held as part of selection for promotion to posts classified as 'selection'

This bears reference to Railway Board's letters No E(NG)I-2000/PM1/41 dated 08.03.2002 (RBE No 32/2002) and E(NG)I-2006/PM1/18 dated 30.08.2006 (RBE No. 123/2006) on the subject.

2 While disposing of OA No. 1467/2004 titled Ashok Kumar Singh & Ors Vs UOI & Anr. Hon'ble CAT/Allahabad Bench has, vide its Order dated 12.12.2013, taken cognizance of Board's letter dated 08.03.2002 (ibid) and has elaborated upon the scope/definition of objective type questions

3 With a view to avoiding any misconstruction of extant instructions on the subject, as directed by Hon'ble CAT/Allahabad Bench, it is reiterated that Board's letter dated 30.08.2006 may scrupulously be followed in letter and spirit.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter

  
(Amita Bhalla)  
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Railway Board

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA/BHARAT SARKAR  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS/RAIL MANTRALAYA  
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No.E(NG)I-2006/PM1/18

New Delhi, dated 30.08.2006

The General Managers (P)  
All Indian Railways and PUs  
(As per standard list)

**Sub:- Introduction of Objective Type Questions in the written test held as part of selection for promotion to posts classified as 'Selection' - extending the provision of 50% objective type questions to lower grade selection posts.**

As the Railways are aware in terms of para 219(c) of IREM Vol. I,1989 while the written test held as part of the selection for promotion to the highest grade selection post in a category includes objective type questions for about 50% (in the range of 45%-55%) of the total marks for the written test, the one held for promotion to lower grade selection posts the extent of objective type questions is limited to 25% (in the range of 20% - 30%) of the total marks for the written test.

2. A demand has been raised in the forum of PNM- AIRF that the existing provision of setting up of 50% objective type questions in written tests held as part of selection for promotion to highest grade selection post in a category may be extended to selection posts in lower grades also.

3. The matter has been carefully considered by the Board and it has been decided that the existing provision of setting up of objective type questions to the extent of 50% of the total marks prescribed for written test held as part of selection for promotion to the highest grade selection post in a category should be extended to all selection posts in lower grades also.

3.1. The opportunity is also taken to clarify that objective type questions besides including the type of questions in the form of 'multiple choice', 'filling up the blanks', "tick 'true' or 'false' ", " 'right' or 'wrong' ", 'match the following' may include questions requiring one word/line answer, " 'yes' or 'no' ", naming e.g. 5 states, Railways, posts, grades etc.. This is to avoid unnecessary rigidity in framing the questions.

4. Accordingly, Indian Railway Establishment Manual Vol.I, 1989 may be amended as per ACS No.186 enclosed.

Please acknowledge receipt.

D.A.: ACS No.186.

(Chander Shekhar)  
Dy. Director Estt.(NG)I,  
Railway Board.

INDIAN RAILWAY ESTABLISHMENT MANUAL, VOLUME-I (1989 EDITION)

CHAPTER -II, SECTION 'B'

RULES GOVERNING PROMOTION OF GROUP 'C' STAFF

ADVANCE CORRECTION SLIP No.186.

For the existing Clause (i) after sub-para (c) of para 219 substitute the following-

"(i). In the written test held as part of the selection for promotion to the posts classified as 'Selection', objective type questions should be set for about 50% (in the range of 45% to 55%) of the total marks for the written test."

(Authority: Railway Board's letters No.E(NG)-2000/PM1/41 dt.08.03.2002 & dt.07.08.2003 and No. E(NG)-2006/PM1/18 dt. .08.2006)