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The Director General (HR),
Railway Board,
Rail Bhawan,
New Delhi.

Sub: Grant of age relaxation to Ex-Servicemen and Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) for appearing in LDCE/GDCE.

Ref: 1. Railway Board's letter No. E(NG)I/2022/PM1/36 dated 08.02.2024 (RBE No. 11/2024).
2. Railway Board's letter No. E(NG)I/2022/PM1/36 dated 26.05.2025 (RBE No. 47/2025).
3. Railway Board's letter No. E(NG)I/2025/PM1/3 dated 28.07.2025 (RBE No. 72/2025).
4. AIRF's letters No. AIRF/159 dated 02.11.2025, 15.12.2025 and 20.08.2026.

Dear Sir,

The All India Railwaymen's Federation (AIRF) once again invites the kind attention of the Railway Board to the above-referred instructions and its repeated representations regarding the unresolved issue of age relaxation for Ex-Servicemen and Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) in departmental promotional examinations.

It has come to AIRF's notice that several Ex-Servicemen, who joined Railway service after attaining the age of 40 years following their tenure in the Armed Forces, as well as PwBD employees appointed against reserved vacancies, are being denied opportunities for career advancement due to the prescribed upper age limit of 40 years for appearing in LDCEs/GDCEs, particularly for CCTS posts under the 10% quota.

Since age relaxation is already admissible to these categories at the time of initial recruitment, on account of their special circumstances and the objective of ensuring equal opportunities, extending appropriate relaxation in departmental promotional examinations would also be just, equitable and consistent with the principles of fairness and non-discrimination.

AIRF, therefore, once again strongly urges the Railway Board to extend suitable age relaxation to Ex-Servicemen and PwBD employees for appearing in LDCE/GDCE, at least on the lines of the relaxation admissible to SC/ST and OBC employees, wherever applicable, so that these employees are not deprived of legitimate career progression opportunities on account of their age.

The matter may kindly be considered sympathetically and on priority, and necessary instructions issued to all Zonal Railways and Production Units at the earliest.

Yours sincerely,

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General Secretary

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