

## SOUTHERN RAILWAY

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Personnel Branch,  
Chennai Dn.  
Chennai-3Dt : As Signed.

**All Supervisory Officials of Electrical/TRD, GS/OP/MAS.  
All Other Departments of Chennai Dn.**

Sub: Selection for the post of Tower Wagon Driver (Ex. Cadre Post) in Level 5 of VII PC in Electrical/TRD Branch- Chennai Division.

Ref: CPO/MAS letter No. P (S)535/VII/Misc dt.28.06.11.

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1. It is proposed to conduct the selection for the post of Tower Wagon Driver (Ex. Cadre) in Level 5 of VII PC in Electrical/TRD Branch Chennai Division. The community wise breakup of **2 vacancies** is **1 UR & 1 SC**.
    - a) Volunteers are called for from all Technicians in Gr. II & III in Level 4 and Level 2 of VII PC including Lorry Drivers of Electrical/TRD Branch of Chennai Division.
    - b) In case exercise (a) does not provide enough number of volunteers required to fill up the notified vacancies, volunteers from Technicians in Gr. II & III in Level 4 and Level 2 of VII PC of all other units of Electrical Department will be considered.
    - c) In case exercise (a) & (b) does not provide enough number of volunteers required to fill up the notified vacancies, volunteers from Technicians in Gr. II & III in Level 4 and 2 of all departments of Chennai Division will be considered.
  2. The applicants should possess/fulfill the following qualifications/conditions.
    - a) Minimum Educational Qualification of Matriculation or its equivalent
    - b) Age below 52 years as on the date of notification.
    - c) Fit in Aye One Medical Classification. (will be subjected to medical examination on qualifying in the written examination).
    - d) Candidates should be capable of locating failures and carryout repairs and maintain the Tower Wagon in good fettle.
    - e) The selection consists of written examination and perusal of records. After publication of panel, they should successfully complete the requisite training at MDZTI/TPJ before being allowed to take up independent duty.





3. In terms of PBC 88/1991 Tower Wagon Drivers are eligible for Running Allowance at the rate applicable for Goods Drivers.
4. As per Railway Board's clarification No. E(P&A) II-2014/RS-09 dated 10/3/2017, Tower Wagon Drivers are entitled for payment of 'Breach of Rest Allowance at par with Goods Drivers.
5. In terms of PBC 205/2010, Tower Wagon drivers are not entitled to pay scale on par with Goods Drivers.
6. In terms of PBC 91/2018, TWD are not eligible for grant of Additional allowance.
7. The maximum tenure period of the ex-cadre post of Tower Wagon Drivers is 05 years. Minimum cooling period of 2 years is mandatory in consideration of an employee working in one ex-cadre post for posting to another ex-cadre post. Employees working in one ex-cadre post can be considered for another ex-cadre post subject to the condition that the total period of tenure in such ex-cadre posts does not exceed 05 years in total (PBC 116/2023).
8. While working in the ex-cadre post of Tower Wagon Driver, the employee will be repatriated to their parent cadre wherein their lien is maintained on completion of the maximum tenure of 5 years (or) on being promoted in the parent cadre and is willing to carry out the same (or) 6 months prior to Superannuation whichever is earlier. On repatriation to their cadre post, their pay will be fixed based on the presumptive pay of the cadre post only.
9. Any request for Voluntary retirement while working in the ex-cadre post of Tower Wagon Driver if accepted by the competent authority then the employee should be immediately repatriated to the parent cadre and all settlement and pensionary benefits to be made only in substantive pay of the cadre post wherein the lien is maintained.
10. The selection consists of written test as per Board's letter No. E(NG)/1/2018/PM1/4 dtd:14.12.2018(RBE No.196/2018). The question paper will be 100% objective type multiple choice questions. In terms of PBC No. 205/2016, 10% of the total marks will be set on Official Language Policy and Rules and the question(s) on the same will not be of compulsory in nature. In terms of PCPO/MAS letter No. P (R) 608/P/Vol.XV(OL) Dtd:28.06.2019, Question Papers will be in Trilingual (English, Hindi&TamilLanguage) for the selections.
11. **The examination will be conducted in OMR mode. There shall be negative marking for incorrect answer. One third of the marks allotted for each question will be deducted for wrong answers.**



12. Cutting, Overwriting, Erasing or Alteration of any type in the answer, will not be accepted to ensure authenticity of the answers. Zero Marks will be given for answer having correction/Overwriting.
  13. There will not be any supplementary examination.
  14. In the event of employees being selected they should be prepared to proceed to any station to which they may be posted and if they do not agree to this, they need not appear for the selection.
  15. The lien of employees who are selected to the post of Tower Wagon Driver in Level 5 of VII PC of OHE/TRD Electrical Department will continue to be maintained in their parent seniority units. They can continue as Tower Wagon Drivers till, they get promotion as Junior Engineer in their respective cadre vide PCPO/MAS letter No. P(S)535/VII/MISC/Vol.II dtd:05.12.2018
  16. 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 Tower Wagon Driver that employee will be debarred for one year as per usual rules of promotion.
  17. The syllabus for the examination is at **ANNEXURE-A**
  18. Applications are invited only through online. The link for the same is **www.pbmas.in/notifications/**
- Instructions for applying on line is at **ANNEXURE-B**
19. **The opening date for applying online is 08/02/2025, 10.00 hrs and the closing date for application is 28/02/2025. 17.45 hrs**
  20. Wide publicity should be given to this letter for information of the staff.

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**ANNEXURE - A****SYLLABUS FOR WRITTEN EXAMINATION FOR SELECTION FOR THE POST  
TOWER WAGON DRIVER IN LEVEL 5 OF VII PAY MATRIX****I. TECHNICAL**

1. Knowledge in basic principles of electricity, clear understanding of voltage, current, power, resistance, OHE Power supply arrangement power block earth rods etc.
  2. Knowledge on the petrol and diesel engines, latest developments in this field.
  3. Knowledge in English language to read and write and understand the ACTM, Train operating manual, Block working Manuals, and various standing instructions for the operation of various type of Tower Wagons and the relevant working time tables.
  4. Intimate knowledge of details of construction, adjustments and operation/maintenance of OHE equipments, special tools and instructions and safety rules for OHE works.
  5. Knowledge of different kinds of braking systems, Mechanical, Hydraulic, vacuum and pneumatic brakes and the system used in Tower Wagons.
  6. Knowledge of different kinds of Tower Wagons used in Indian Railways with various types of Engines, transmissions and brake systems.
  7. Knowledge in tracing fault (Trouble shooting) and attention of emergency faults and the ways to clear the faulty Tower Wagons from mid section.
  8. Knowledge on conservation of fuel by improved driving techniques.
  9. Knowledge on lead and battery, battery charging, recharging and defects in battery/battery charger and attending the minor repairs.
  10. Knowledge of various types of maintenance schedule regarding the various parts of the Tower Wagons.
  11. Knowledge of the functions of the various gauges fitted in Tower Wagons.
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## II. GENERAL

1. Knowledge in English language to read and write the operating manual as well as drawing pertains to Tower Wagons.
2. Knowledge of different equipment and auxiliaries used in Tower Wagons.
3. Knowledge in different safety/protective 3 equipments used in Tower Wagons.
4. Knowledge in various safety rules in the electrified sections, first aid and treatment for electric shock
5. Conversant with rules and regulations of the Railway signals and sections and the various types of train operation in the electrified/non-electrified sections.
6. Knowledge of the load, which he can carry safely in the Tower Wagon and the normal and maximum permissible speeds of each type of Tower Wagons.
7. Driving technique for safe working on power blocks/non power block sections.

## III. Official Language Policy and Rules.

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**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](http://www.pbmas.in/notifications/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

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](http://www.pbmas.in)) regarding this selection.

6. The following applications will be considered as invalid

- Application not in prescribed format.
  - Application without signature or with signature in capital letters.
  - Incorrect application.
  - Application without valid enclosures.
  - Variation in the information furnished in the application versus the documents enclosed.
  - Leaving any column blank in the application form.
  - Suppression of facts or furnishing false information in application.
  - Any other irregularity.
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