

EAST COAST RAILWAY

Office of the Principal Chief Personnel Officer, 2nd Floor, Rail Sadan,
PO-Mancheswar, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar, Odisha - 751017.

NOTIFICATION FOR RECRUITMENT OF SPORTS PERSONS AGAINST SPORTS QUOTA (OPEN ADVERTISEMENT) IN EAST COAST RAILWAY FOR THE YEAR 2025-26.

Employment Notice No. ECoR /Pers/SPQ(OA)/2025-26

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(For residents of Andaman, Nicobar & Lakshadweep, Closing Date: **24.02.2026** Closing Time: 18:00 Hrs.)

1. Applications are invited from eligible Sportspersons who are Indian nationals for recruitment against Sports Quota (Open Advt.) for the year 2025-26 in East Coast Railway for the vacancies indicated below:

DETAILS OF VACANCIES FOR THE YEAR 2025-26 :

Unit/ Div	SL	Pay Level	Discipline	Category	Playing Position	No. of vacancies
HQ	01	Level-2 / Level-3	Athletics	Men	100 mtr run.	1
	02	Level-2 / Level-3	Weight Lifting	Men	65 KG	1
	03	Level-2 / Level-3	Weight Lifting	Women	53 KG	1
	04	Level-1	Archery	Men	Compound	1
	05	Level-1	Weight Lifting	Women	48 KG	1
Grand Total						05

2. **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:** All the championships mentioned below should have been conducted under the aegis of recognized International / National / State Sports Federations and also recognized by the Railway Sports Promotion Board.

- I. For recruitment of sports persons, on the basis of sports achievements in Junior National Championships, the age groups as mentioned against each discipline shall only be considered.

2.1 Sports Achievements:

Applicant should be currently an active player and should have fulfilled the sports achievements on or after “01.04.2023”.

Certificates in support of the sports achievements must be submitted along with the application form.

The minimum sports norms for recruitment of sportspersons in different Grade Pay or equivalent Levels for both team and individual events are given as under.

These provisions shall be read along with Notes given in Para 2.3 and Para 2.4 below.

S. No.	Pay level	Grade Pay (Rs.)	Minimum Sports Norms for Recruitment
(a)	Level-2/ Level-3	₹ 1,900 OR ₹ 2,000	Represented the Country in any of the Category-B Championships / Events OR At least 3 rd Position in any of the Category-C Championships / Events OR At least 3 rd Position in Senior / Youth / Junior National Championships OR At least 3 rd Position in National Games organized under aegis of Indian Olympic Association. OR At least 3 rd Position in All India Inter University Championship organized under the aegis of Association of Indian Universities OR 1 st Position in Federation Cup Championships (Senior Category)
(b)	Level-1	₹ 1,800	Represented the Country in any of the Category-C Championships/events OR At least 3 rd position in Federation Cup Championships (Senior Category) OR Represented a state of equivalent Unit, except in Marathon and Cross Country with at least 8 th position in Senior National Championships only.

2.2 Categorization of International Championships: The International Championships / events are categorized below (for the purpose of Para-2.1 above):

Category-A	:	Olympic Games (Senior)
Category-B	:	World Cup (Junior /Youth/ Senior); World Championships (Junior / Senior); Asian Games (Senior); Commonwealth Games (Senior), Youth Olympics, Devis Cup(Tennis), Champions Trophy(Hokey) and Thomas/ Uber Cup(Badminton).
Category-C	:	Commonwealth Championships (Junior / Senior), Asian Championships / Asia Cup (Junior / Senior), South Asian Federations Games (Senior), USIC (World Railways) Championships (Senior) and World University Games

2.3. Note (Read with Para -2.1 above):

(c) **Athletics :** In Athletics Medal winning performance in National Inter State Senior Athletics Championship may also be considered for recruitment against the post having Grade Pay -1900/- . In Athletics Gold Medal winner in Open National Championship (Senior), Inter-State Athletics Championship(Senior) and Asian Championship (Senior) may be considered in GP 2400/- / 2800/-.

Note: (i) All the championships mentioned above should be conducted under the aegis of recognized International / National / State Sports Federations and also recognized by the Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB).

(ii) For recruitment of sports persons, on the basis of sports achievements in junior National Championships, the age group as mentioned in para 2.4 below shall only be considered.

2.4. List of Junior National Championships recognized by RSPB for Recruitment of Sportspersons on Indian Railways against Sports Quota (for the purpose of Para-2.1 above):

(a) **Archery (Men):** Under-19, Junior National Archery Championship.

(b) **Athletics (Men/Women)-** Under-20, Junior National Athletics Championship.

(c) **Weightlifting (Men/Women)-** Under-20 Junior National Weightlifting Championship. The eligibility for recruitments and trials of candidates, having sports achievement certificates for the events concluded prior to 01.06.2025 for old weight categories shall be decided as per the corresponding new weight categories, as detailed below:

New weight Categories (Kg)	Old Weight Categories (Kg.)
65 Kg(Men)	61 Kg – 67 Kg
53 Kg(Women)	49 Kg – 55 Kg
48 Kg(Women)	45 Kg – 49 Kg

2.5. Educational Qualification: Candidates should possess requisite academic qualification on the date of submission of application as given below. Those who are appearing at and/or awaiting results of final examination are not eligible:

Posts having Grade Pay/Level	Educational Qualification
GP Rs. 2000/- & GP Rs.1900 (Level-2 & Level-3)	12 th (+2 stage) or its equivalent examination. (OR) A pass in Matriculation or its equivalent from a recognized Board and having ITI Certificate may also apply to be posted as Tech-III/Level-2 GP Rs. 1900/- . (OR) A pass in Matriculation or its equivalent from a recognized Board may also apply to be posted as Tech-III/Level-2 GP Rs. 1900/- subject to completion of prescribed training as per Railway Board's guidelines.
GP Rs. 1800/- (Level-1)	10 th Pass or ITI or equivalent (OR) National Apprenticeship Certificate (NAC) granted by NCVT.

Note: (i) No relaxation in minimum educational qualification shall be permissible.

(ii) Candidates must mandatorily submit photocopy of relevant documents in support of their educational qualification while filling up the application form and the original of educational qualification certificate must be produced on the day of Trials.

2.6. Age Limits: Minimum 18 years and Maximum 25 years of age as on **01.07.2026**.

(Note: Matriculation or its equivalent certificate from recognized Board should be submitted for date of birth proof). No age relaxation is allowed even for SC/ST/OBC candidates.

2.7. Reservation – There is no such reservation for SC/ST/OBC/EWS communities. The candidates having the required performance in the particular sports discipline will be selected on the basis of overall merit secured irrespective of their communities.

3. HOW TO APPLY:

3.1. Application Fee:

Candidates should submit application fee for an amount mentioned below in the form of Demand Draft from any Nationalized Bank, or crossed Indian Postal Order from any Post Office (issued on or after the date of this notification) drawn in favour of “**Principal Financial Adviser, East Coast Railway, payable at Bhubaneswar**”.

Sl No	Category	Amount to be submitted
i)	For all candidates except those mentioned in (ii) below	Rs. 500/- (Five Hundred Only). An amount of Rs 400/- will be refunded to those who actually appear for the selection.
ii)	SC/ST, Ex-Servicemen, Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), Women, Minorities, and Economic Backward Classes. (whose family income is less than Rs.50,000/- per annum)	Rs. 250/- (Rupees Two Hundred Fifty Only). The total amount will be refunded to those who actually appear for the selection.

(Candidates must write their name, full address at the space provided in the IPO. Applications received with cash/Money order/ Central Recruitment Fees Stamps/ Cheque will not be accepted and hence will be rejected.)

Note: Certificate in proof of the above issued by the authorities authorized to issue such certificate should be enclosed along with the application form for getting relaxation in the application fee. Candidates should check their eligibility thoroughly before applying. Fee in respect of candidates who are ineligible, but still applying, shall not be refunded.

3.2 Instructions for filling up the Application Form:

(i) The notification with the application form are available in East Coast Railway website www.rcbbs.org.in. Candidates should carefully read the instructions before filling up application form. Application Form should be made on a good quality white A-4 (210x297 mm) size paper using ONE SIDE ONLY. The candidate should use the same format as available in the website.

(ii) The candidate has to fill up required information in his/her own handwriting using blue / black ball point pen. The application should be filled either in English or Hindi but not in any other language. Application filled in any language other than Hindi/English and having any change in the format of application will lead to rejection of application summarily.

(iii) One recent passport size photograph (4cm x 5cm) should be affixed on the application form without fail. The Photo may preferably be not older than 3 months as on the date of applying. The photo should clearly reveal the full face and should be taken without wearing cap and goggles/coloured glasses. Photo should be new, sharp and clear, with light background, suitable for scanning and printing. Do not put any mark or signature on the front side of the affixed photograph. The photograph should be neatly and firmly pasted in the prescribed space, and not stapled or pinned. **Photograph should not be attested.**

(iv) One loose extra photograph with name, date of birth, and signature of the candidate written on the backside should be attached along with the application form.

(v) Candidates are required to sign in English or in Hindi in the prescribed places provided in the application form.

(vi) While filling up of the application, candidates have to ensure that the signatures and two marks of physical identification (like a mole on the nose, cut-mark on the fore head in the left side or a scar mark below the left arm etc) are clearly given without fail. Candidates should also give two left thumb impressions (LTI) in the application form. If the LTIs are not clear and are smudged, the application will liable to be rejected.

(vii) Applicant should write on the top of the envelope containing the application as follows: “**Application against Sports Quota (Open Advertisement) recruitment for the year 2025-26**”

(viii) Candidate should clearly indicate the specific sports discipline, event, and position applying for as given in Para-1 above. (e.g, Archery, Men, Compound).

(ix) Candidates should send their applications so as to reach at the address mentioned below at Para 3.3 on or before the closing date and time. Railway Administration shall not be responsible for any postal delay. Late applications would be summarily rejected.

(x) Candidates should note that only Date of Birth as recorded in the Matriculation/High School Examination Certificate is to be considered.

(xi) Only international numerical like 1, 2, 3 etc. should be used.

(xii) Candidate should write his/her name, father's name / husband's name in capital letters as given in educational Certificate.

(xiii) Candidates should indicate Religion, Gender (Male/Female), Community (UR/SC/ST/OBC/EWS), Serving Employee and other information in the relevant columns of the application form.

(xiv) Selected candidates are likely to be posted anywhere on East Coast Railway after successful completion of all pre-appointment formalities, including training wherever prescribed.

(xv) Before applying for a post, the candidate should ensure that he/she fulfils the eligibility and other criteria stipulated for the post. The Railway Administration would be free to reject any application not fulfilling the requisite criteria at any stage of recruitment and if erroneously appointed, such candidate is liable to be summarily removed from service even after appointment.

(xvi) While filling up the application, candidates serving in any government Department or Public Sector Undertaking including Railways may give a "Declaration" that they have intimated the fact of their applying for the recruitment to their office in the event of their selection, they will submit no objection certificate (NOC) from their employer at the time of Document Verification. In case they fail to submit NOC at the time of Document Verification, their candidature would be cancelled.

(xvii) Those candidates who are debarred from appearing in any of the RRB/RRC exams need not apply unless their debarment period is over by the closing date of this Employment Notification. Otherwise, their applications shall not be entertained.

(xviii) Applicant should enclose with the application a set of legible Xerox copies of all certificates, in proof of educational qualification, age, ST/SC/OBC status etc.

(xix) Candidates applying for more than one game/event shall submit separate applications with separate fee.

(xx) Applicant should fill all the columns in the Application Form without fail.

Note: Kindly bring original Documents of Date of Birth, Educational Qualification and Sports Achievements and Identification proof on the day of Trial, without which you will not be allowed to appear in the selection. No TA/DA/Accommodation will be given for appearing in the selection trial/interview. You will have to bring your own kit. You may also be required to stay during the selection for 2-3 days for which you have to make your own arrangements. All documents may be self attested.

3.3. Address for submitting applications: Candidates should send their applications by Ordinary/Speed Post to **The Dy. Chief Personnel Officer(Rectt.), 2nd Floor, South Block, Rail Sadan, PO-Mancheswar, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar, Odisha – 751017.** Alternatively, candidates can drop their applications directly in **Drop Box** placed at the office premises of **Principal Chief Personnel Officer, 2nd Floor, South Block, Rail Sadan, PO-Mancheswar, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar, Odisha – 751017.**

4. SELECTION PROCEDURE:

Selection will be based upon performance in sports Trials and Sports Achievements. Certificate (Sports & Educational). Verification will be done by a duly constituted Recruitment Committee of this railway. The venue & date for Trials and Certificate Verification will be intimated to the eligible candidates.

4.1 Distribution of Marks:

Maximum marks which can be awarded by the Trial Committee for performance during Trial and Recruitment Committee during Certificate Verification Stage, shall be as follows:-

SI No.	Attributes	Maximum Marks
1	Recognized sports achievement as per norms	50
2	Games skill, physical fitness and coach's observation during Trial	40
3	Educational Qualification	10
	TOTAL	100

4.2 Minimum Qualifying marks:

SI No.	Pay Level	Grade Pay(in Rs.)	Minimum qualifying marks (out of 100)
1	Level-2/Level-3	1900/2000	65
2	Level-1	1800	60

4.3 (i) Candidates who are found FIT in the Trial will be considered for the next stage of recruitment. Candidates securing 25 Marks or more against Game skill, physical fitness and coach's observation during Trial are treated as FIT candidates.

(ii) The Recruitment process is based purely on the merit of the candidates as per vacancies, in a particular discipline, notified. Canvassing in any form will attract disqualification. In case more than one sports persons score the same mark, preference would be given to the younger candidate to decide the merit.

(iii) The Railway Administration has all rights reserved to fix any date, as deemed suitable, change of place or postponement of Trials at its own convenience, which can also be cancelled due to unforeseen exigencies against which no claim will be accepted.

5. OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

(i) Applications not fulfilling any of the terms and conditions given in this notification shall be summarily rejected.

(ii) Applicant should possess requisite educational qualification and sports achievements on the date of submission of application.

(iii) Discrepancies in the application submitted would render the candidate ineligible at any time during the selection.

(iv) Eligible applicants will be issued with call letters through their **registered e-mail id only**, for the sports trials.. East Coast Railway will upload the list of eligible and ineligible candidates in the website of East Coast Railway website address www.rrcbbs.org.in for general information and viewing. The candidates applying against this notification should keep track of date of Trials & certificate verification which will be notified through the official website of Railway Recruitment Cell, East Coast Railway. Individual requests for change in dates / venue for trials etc. shall not be entertained under any circumstances. After trial, only the FIT candidates shall be considered for the next stage of Recruitment Process. Candidates declared NOT FIT by the Trial Committee will not be assessed further by the Recruitment Committee.

(v) Selected candidates have to pass the requisite medical fitness standards prior to appointment.

(vi) In the event of appointment as Clerk-cum- typist posts in Group-C railway service, candidates will be required to acquire typing proficiency of 30 w.p.m. in English or 25 w.p.m. in Hindi within a period of four years from the date of appointment, and till such time, appointment will be provisional.

(vii) Selected candidates will have to submit Service Bond of 5 years at the time of appointment.

(viii) Sportspersons recruited against sports quota shall be terminated from service summarily, if the information and documents furnished by him/her for recruitment are found incorrect/fake at any stage.

(ix) Decision of East Coast Railway in all matters relating to this recruitment shall be final.

(x) Candidates may download recruitment notification and application form available on East Coast Railway website address www.eastcoastrail.indianrailways.gov.in

6. For any legal dispute, the jurisdiction will be the Central Administrative Tribunal, Cuttack.

7. CAUTION: Recruitment is purely merit based. East Coast Railway have not appointed any agent or coaching centre for acting on its behalf for this recruitment. Candidates are cautioned against any false claims made by any unscrupulous persons/agencies of getting them selected in this recruitment on illegal consideration. If they come across any such persons/agencies, please do inform to Dy. Chief Personnel Officer(RecTT.), East Coast Railway , Personnel Department, 2nd Floor, South Block, Rail Sadan, Chandrasekharpur, PO-Mancheswar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha -751017. They can also inform to the Sr. Dy. General Manager cum Chief Vigilance Officer, Rail Sadan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar, Odisha - 751017.


DY. CHIEF PERSONNEL OFFICER(RecTT.)

East Coast Railway, Bhubaneswar

FOR PRINCIPAL CHIEF PERSONNEL OFFICER