

**Selections/LDCEs for promotion within and to Gr. 'C' - Cut-off date for determining eligibility of the candidates for appearing in exam.**

As the Railways are aware in terms of para 215(a) of IREM Vol. 1, 1989 the basic eligibility condition for appearing in the selections for promotions in normal line is that staff should be working in the immediate lower grade on regular basis; the condition of minimum residency is required to be fulfilled at the time of actual promotion and not necessarily at the stage of consideration. The eligibility in terms of service condition, qualification etc. for appearing in the selections stands prescribed in a few cases like selections for promotion from Group 'D' to Group 'C', to General (Selection) posts, to posts against LDCE quota and Inter-apprentice quota in Technical Departments.

2. The question of prescribing a cut-off date for determining the eligibility of staff for appearing in the selections/LDCEs for promotion within Group 'C' and from Group 'D' to Group 'C' has been raised by AIRF in the forum of PNM. The matter has been discussed with both the Federations in a meeting held on 13.07.2006. Pursuant to these discussions it has been decided that for appearing in the selections/LDCEs for promotions within and to Gr. 'C' the cut-off date for determining the eligibility of the staff should be the date of issue of notification for the said selection.

3. The above instructions will be effective from the date of issue of this letter and the notifications for selections/LDCEs already issued will not be affected.