

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

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No. E(NG)I-2006/PM7/21

New Delhi, dated 22 -8-2008

The General Manager (P)  
All Indian Railways  
(As per standard list)

**Sub: Promotion of non-gazetted staff in loco running cadre – posts of Goods Driver redesignated as Loco Pilots (Goods).**

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In terms of provisions of this Ministry's letter No. E(NG)I-94/PM7/16 Pt.I dated 1.5.96, whenever the Railways are unable to fill in the vacancies of Goods Driver through Shunters in terms of Board's letter of same number dated 3.8.95 and dated 13.12.95, Railways may, with the personal approval of General Manager, also consider First Fireman/Diesel/Elect. Asstts. (including shunters with less than 3 months service) for filling up the vacancies of Goods Drivers provided they have put in :-

- i) six years service (combined as Second Fireman and First Fireman/Diesel Asstt./Elect. Asstt.);
- ii) two years service as First Fireman/Diesel Asstt./Elect. Asstt.; and
- iii) 60,000 km. experience on foot-plate as First Fireman/ Diesel Asstt./Elect. Asstt.

2. In view of the fact that the posts of Second Fireman and First Fireman are no longer in existence, some of the Railways are experiencing difficulties in filling up the posts of Goods Driver as per the conditions stipulated in letter dated 1.5.96.

3. The matter has, accordingly, been considered by the Board and it has been decided that in the eventuality of non-availability of Shunters, General Managers may consider Diesel/Elect. Assistants (redesignated as Asstt. Loco Pilot (Diesel / Elect.) with 2 years service as Diesel Asstt. / Elect. Asstt. and

60,000 km. experience on footplate, for selection for promotion to the post of Loco Pilot (Goods) subject to the following conditions:-

- i) Suitability of such Asstt. Loco Pilots to work independently as Driver (Loco Pilot (Goods) shall be personally certified by the Mechanical/Electrical officer (as the case may be), incharge of Power of the Division concerned;
- ii) Such promotee drivers be placed under the supervision of a dedicated Loco Inspector for 5 trips or 500 kms. of driving whichever is earlier;
- iii) For sections classified as 'ghats', such promotee drivers may work with a regular driver as 'co-driver' for seven days or 1000 kms. whichever is later;
- iv) Provision of hands on training for independent loco driving to Diesel/ Electrical Assistants in their induction and refresher courses shall be included in the course content for the promotional trainings.

Training centers should be got equipped with simulators progressively.

Please acknowledge receipt.

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