

भारत सरकार Government of India  
रेल मंत्रालय Ministry of Railways  
रेलवे बोर्ड ( Railway Board )

SBC/Union Elections/2012/2

New Delhi, dated 08.02.2013

To

All CPOs (Open Line ) & CPO/Metro Kolkata.

Sub : Secret Ballot Elections for the purpose of recognition of Unions: Draft Voters' List preparation

Ref : Railway Board order No. ERB-I/2012/23/49 dated 09.11.2012.

This is further to our letter of even no. dated 18.01.2013 vide which decision of Railway Board was communicated regarding proposed Secret Ballot Elections for recognition of Union/Federations over Indian Railways. Pending notification of final Modalities of conducting elections, which are under preparation, the following criteria in connection with Draft Voters' List are being conveyed so that Railways have sufficient time to prepare the same and provide its copy to the unions sufficiently in advance.

The cutoff date for finalizing the voter's list has been fixed as **01.02.2013 (1<sup>st</sup> February 2013)**. The following persons borne on the rolls of the Railway Establishment as on 01.02.2013 shall only be included in the Draft Voters' List.

1. All regular non gazetted employees (erstwhile Group 'C' and 'D' employees) including Substitutes with temporary status, borne on the rolls of the railway establishment as on 01.02.2013.
2. Employees of the railway establishment who are on deputation to other organizations but having lien on the said railway establishment.

**Following persons shall not be included in the Voters' List:**

1. Substitutes without temporary status, casual/contract labor and those engaged on daily wages basis.
2. Employees promoted to Group B service after 01.02.2013.
3. Persons drawing wages in pay band (-1) S being trainees, are not entitled to vote.

The Railway Establishment which conducts the Secret Ballot Elections shall prepare the draft voters' list as per above criteria and upload the same on the official website of the Railways. Wide publicity shall be made by displaying notices all over the Railway along with the website address, calling for representations from individuals and unions regarding validity or otherwise of the names included in the list. Representation received within the given time schedule should be addressed and remedial measures taken wherever required. Thereafter final voters' list should be uploaded and a hard copy of it along with a soft copy shall be provided to all the contesting unions. The following time schedule shall be followed in this regard:

- 25.02.2013: Last date for uploading of draft voter's list on official website.
- 01.03.2013: Last date for receiving representations by the presiding officer
- 07.03.2013: Last date for disposal of representations by the presiding officer
- 08.03.2013: Uploading for final voter's list on official website with copy to unions

The onus of getting shortcomings in the Voters' list rectified shall be on the individual concerned and no redressal would be possible once the Final list is uploaded.

Instructions regarding handling of cases whereby employees retire, get promoted or transferred etc after 01.01.13, shall be issued subsequently.

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