

NOTIFICATION

F. No. Staff/11-02/CE/2026
Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Posts
Office of Chief Postmaster General
North East Circle, Shillong-793001
Dated:01/06/2026

Sub: Competitive Examination for recruitment to the cadre of Postman, Mail Guard & Multi-Tasking Staff from eligible Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDSs) for the vacancies earmarked for GDS and unfilled vacancies of LDCE for Postman/Mail Guard for the vacancy year 2026 (01.01.2026 to 31.12.2026).

Applications are invited in the format enclosed (**Annexure-I**) from the willing and eligible GDSs for appearing in Competitive Examination (CE) for recruitment to the cadre of Postman, Mail Guard & MTS from eligible GDSs for the vacancies earmarked for GDS and unfilled vacancies of LDCE for Postman/Mail Guard for the vacancy year 2026 (01.01.2026 to 31.12.2026). The schedules of activities for the examination are as under:

S. No.	Activity	Schedule
1.	Date of Notification	On or before 01.06.2026 (Monday)
2.	Last date for receipt of Application form at Divisional Office/Controlling Unit from eligible candidates.	22.06.2026 (Monday)
3.	Receipt of duly filled in Application forms at the Regional Office to be sent by Divisional Office/Controlling Unit duly verified.	24.06.2026 (Wednesday)
4.	Receipt of duly filled in Application forms at the Circle Office (Nodal Officer) to be sent by RO duly verified.	29.06.2026 (Monday)
5.	Issue of Admit Card by CO/RO/DO to eligible candidates	06.07.2026 (Monday)
6.	Date of Examination (date & time)	12.07.2026 (Sunday)*

*Examination will commence exactly at 10:00 AM in all the Circles and Paper-I, II & III (for Postman, Mail Guard) and Paper-I (for Multi- Tasking Staff) will be conducted in continuity. There will be no break in between the three papers and candidates will not be allowed to leave his/ her seat before completion of examination.

2. Vacancies:

- a. Postman and Mail Guard - Number of vacancies (Provisional) available to GDS for recruitment to the posts of Postman / Mail Guard/ MTS, Recruiting Division / Unit — wise are as under:

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01/06/2026

Name of Post	Name of Division / Unit	Vertical						Horizontal			
		UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	Total	VH	HH	OH	Others
Postman	Agartala	03	00	10*	02	00	15	00	00	02*	00
	Arunachal Pradesh	02	00	02*	00	00	04	00	00	01*	00
	Dharmanagar	03	00	01*	01	00	05	00	00	00	00
	Manipur	01	00	02*	00	00	03	00	00	00	00
	Meghalaya	04	00	03*	04	01	12	00	00	02*	00
	Mizoram	02	02*	01*	01	00	06	00	00	00	00
	Nagaland	01	00	02*	00	00	03	00	00	00	00
	Total		16	02*	21*	08	01	48	00	00	05*

Note: - '**' Include the backlog vacancies [SC=20; OBC=02; PH(OH)=05]

b. **Multi-Tasking Staff** – Number of vacancies available under CO, RO and Recruiting Division / Unit — wise are as under:

Name of Post	Name of Division / Unit	Vertical						Horizontal			
		UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	Total	VH	HH	OH	Others
MTS	Agartala	02	00	01	02	01	06	00	00	00	00
	Arunachal Pradesh	02	00	00	01	00	03	00	00	00	00
	Dharmanagar	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	01*	00
	Manipur	01	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	00
	Meghalaya	03	00	00	01	00	04	00	00	00	00
	Mizoram	02	00	00	03	01	06	00	00	00	00
	Nagaland	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	01*	00
	Circle Office	02	00	00	00	00	02	00	00	00	00
	DA(P)	01	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	00
	PCD	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Total		13	00	01	07	02	23	00	00	02*	00

Note: Vacancies are subject to change.

Note: - '**' Include the backlog vacancies [PH(OH)=02]

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01/20/2019

** The guidelines for reservation in promotion to Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBDs) issued by DoPT O.M. No. 36012/1/2020-Estt. (Res.-II) dated 28.12.2023 and issued by SCT Section, Do!) letter No. SC-12/9/2022-SCT-DOP dated 09.01.2024 shall be followed in letter and spirit.

The Proviso of Section 34 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act, 2016 provides that the reservation in promotion shall be in accordance with such instructions as are issued by the appropriate Government from time to time.

As per DoPT Office Memorandum No. 36012/1/2020-Estt. (Res.-II) dated 17.05.2022, four percent (4%) of the total number of vacancies in the cadre strength within Group 'C', from Group 'C' to Group 'B' and from Group 'B' to the lowest rung of Group 'A' shall be reserved for PwBDs. Reservation in promotion shall be applicable in the cadres in which the element of direct recruitment, if any, does not exceed 75%.

3. **Eligibility Criteria:** -

A. Postman and Mail Guard: -

As per Department of Posts, Postman and Mail Guard (Group 'C' post) Recruitment Rules, 2018 notified in GSR 899 (E) dated 20.09.2018 read with Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2020 notified in GSR 157 (E) dated 05.03.2020 and Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2023 notified in G.S.R. 638(E) dated 30.08.2023 (**Annexure-III-A**), the following are eligibility conditions to appear in the examination:

- (i) **Educational and Other Qualifications:** (a) 10th standard pass from a recognised Board, (b) knowledge of working on Computer, (c) knowledge of local language of concerned Postal Circle or Division and (d) possesses a valid license to drive two – wheeler or light motor vehicle. [Point D is valid for the Cadre of Postman only]
- (ii) **Age:** Should be within fifty (50) years of age as on 01.01.2026 (relaxable for different categories as notified by the Government of India from time to time).
- (iii) **Service eligibility:** Five (5) years regular engagement as Gramin Dak Sevaks.
- (iv) "A person not possessing a valid license to drive two-wheeler or light motor vehicle shall also be eligible for appointment, however, such person not having valid license to drive two-wheeler or light motor vehicle at the time of appointment shall not earn periodical increment in pay till production of such license or for a period of five years from the date of appointment, whichever is earlier and after production of such license or expiry of such five years period, pay shall be restored prospectively to the level pay would have reached had the periodical increment in pay' was not withheld and no arrears of pay shall be paid for the intervening period. However, Persons with Benchmark Disabilities shall be exempted from the possession of such license. [This condition is required for recruitment to the cadre of Postman only]."

Note- 1: The crucial date of eligibility for reckoning the eligibility conditions as above shall be **01.01.2026**.

Note-2: (a) The crucial date, for submitting income and asset certificate by the EWS candidate, may be treated as the closing date for receipt of application for the post, except in cases where crucial date is fixed otherwise (As per para 5.3 of DoPT 0M No. 36039/1/2019-Estt (Res) dated 31.01.2019).

(b) Person seeking appointment on the basis of reservation to EWS must ensure that he/she possesses the Income & Asset certificate valid for the financial year 2026-27 issued on the basis of Income for the financial year 2025-26 in accordance with the para 4.1 of DoP&Ts OM No. 36039/1/2019-Estt (Res) dated 31.01.2019.

(v) Any other eligibility conditions specified in Recruitment Rules shall also apply.

B. Multi-Tasking Staff :- As per the Department of Posts Multi-Tasking Staff (Group 'C' post) Recruitment Rules, 2018 notified in GSR 781 (E) dated 16.08.2018, read with the Department of Posts (Multi-Tasking Staff) Recruitment Amendment Rules, 2019 notified in GSR 850 (E) dated 15.11.2019 and the Department of Posts (Multi-Tasking Staff) Recruitment Amendment Rules, 2023 notified in GSR 639 (E) dated 30.08.2023 (Annexure-III-B), GDSs with the following conditions are eligible to appear in the Competitive Examination:

- i. Educational Qualification and Age limit: There shall be no upper age limit and no minimum educational qualification required for appearing in Competitive Examination from GDS to MTS.
- ii. Service eligibility: Three (3) regular engagement as Gramin Dak Sevaks as on crucial date of eligibility.
- iii. Any other eligibility conditions specified in Recruitment Rules shall also apply.

4. Pattern & Syllabus of Examination: The examination will be conducted as per the revised pattern and syllabus circulated by Directorate vide letter No. 17-08/2018-SPN-I dated 05.04.2022 as amended vide letter No. 17-08/2018-SPN-I dated 19.12.2022, 24.04.2023 and 10.07.2024 enclosed as **Annexure-IV**.

Note:

- (i) **Only those candidates who want to be considered for the posts of Postman and Mail Guard should appear for the local language test (Paper-III). Candidates who want to be considered only for the post of MTS need not appear in the local language test (Paper-III).**
- (ii) Paper-IV i.e. [Data Entry Skill Test (DEST) for recruitment to the posts of Postman and Mail Guard will be held separately at a later date. GDS candidates who secure minimum qualifying marks in Paper-I and Paper-II (combined, i.e. total of marks secured in Paper-I and Paper-II) and also secure minimum qualifying marks in Paper-III separately, will be eligible for appearing in Paper-IV (DEST). Number of candidates to be shortlisted for DEST will be 3 times of the total vacancy of Postman and Mail Guard.
- (iii) Data Entry Skill Test (DEST) will be conducted only in ENGLISH for 15 minutes on computer.
- (iv) Evaluation of performance in DEST will be done through the Software in accordance with the instructions issued from time to time

5. Preference/Option: Applicants are required to indicate the following 'option' for post and 'order of preference' for Divisions/Units as per instructions issued vide DOP letter No. 1708/2018-SPN-I dated 18.10.2023 followed by clarifications issued by letter dated 31.10.2023.

- (i) **Option for Post:** - An applicant may give option for one, two or all three posts and candidature for selection will be considered only if a post has been opted for subject to fulfilling the eligibility conditions. For example, an applicant will be considered for Mail Guard only if option is given for Mail Guard, otherwise his candidature will not be considered while preparing merit list for Mail Guard.



- (ii) **Preference of Division by applicants (For Postman/ Mail Guard):** - The candidates who have applied for the post of Postman / Mail Guard shall give order of preference of Division/ Unit for which they intend to be considered. A candidate shall not be considered for a Division/ Unit for which preference has not been submitted by him/her.
- (iii) **Preference by candidates appearing in competitive examination for the post of MTS:** - Candidates applying for the posts of MTS shall submit his / her order of preference for Administrative Offices, DAP (PAOs), Subordinate Office, Civil/Electrical wing etc., wherever vacancy(ies) exist. In addition, they shall also give order of preference for Division/Unit.

Note: The proforma for the Preference/Option is enclosed as Annexure-II.

6. Centres of Examination: The examination will be conducted at all Circle /Region Headquarters of the Circle. The candidates will have to appear from the respective centres of their Circle only.

7. The guidelines issued vide letter No. 29-6/2019-DD-III dated 10.08.2022 (as modified time to time) by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) regarding grant of scribe and compensatory time to eligible disabled persons shall be followed in letter and spirit.

8. The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued vide letter No. A-34012/02/2022-DE dated 11.08.2022, letter dated 21.09.2023 and amendment letter No. A-34013/02/2024-DE dated 13.01.2025 to be followed in the conduct of examination at every stage.

9. The Competent Authority reserves the right to cancel this notification or change or modify in the schedule, pattern and syllabus of the examination partially or completely at any point of time.

10. The candidates who are willing to apply for the examination should ensure that they fulfill/satisfy all the eligibility criteria/conditions/instructions mentioned above for appearing in the examination.

11. This notification may be given wide publicity amongst all eligible candidates working in Circle Office/Divisions/Units.

12. This notification is also available on the Departmental website i.e. www.indiapost.gov.in.

13. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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Enclosures: - Annexures- I, II, III (A & B) and IV

Copy to:

1. The Postmaster General, NE-I Region, Agartala-799001.
2. The Postmaster General, NE-II Region, Dimapur-797112.
- 3-5. The Director of Postal Services, Arunachal Pradesh/Nagaland/Mizoram Divisions.
6. The Sr. Supdt. of Post Offices, Meghalaya Division, Shillong.
- 7-9. The Supdt.of Post Offices, Agartala/Dharmanagar/Manipur Divisions.
10. The Supdt.of Postal Store Depot, Silchar.
11. The Office I/C, P&T Admn Cell, APS Centre, C/O 56 APO, Pin-900746.
12. Office Copy.
13. Notice Board.



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APPLICATION FORM FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE CADRE OF POSTMAN, MAIL GUARD & MTS FROM ELIGIBLE GDS FOR THE VACANCIES EARMARKED FOR GDS AND UNFILLED VACANCIES OF LDCE FOR POSTMAN/MAIL GUARD FOR THE VACANCY YEAR 2026 (01.01.2026 TO 31.12.2026).

Affix recent passport sized photograph duly attested by Divisional Head / Unit Head

Note: All Particulars shall be filled up in BLOCK letter.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Detail(s)
1.	NAME OF THE CANDIDATE	
2.	GENDER (MALE / FEMALE / TRANSGENDER)	
3.	DESIGNATION (BPM / ABPM / DAK-SEVAK)	
4.	DATE OF BIRTH (Attach self-attested Matriculation certificate/marks sheet)	
5.	CATEGORY (UR/SC/ST/OBC/EWS)	
6.	EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION (Attach self -attested copies of Marks sheet)	
7.	OFFICE WHERE PRESENTLY ATTACHED	
8.	DATE FROM WHICH CONTINUING ENGAGEMENT GDS	
9.	LENGTH OF ENGAGEMENT RENDERED AS GDS AS ON 01.01.2026 (YY/MM/DD)	___/___/___
10.	AGE AS ON 01.01.2026 (YY/MM/DD)	___/___/___
11.	WHETHER PERSON WITH DISABILITY (ies)	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
11.1	IF YES, NATURE OF DISABILITY (ies) (OH/HH/VH/OTHERS)	
	PERCENTAGE OF DISABILITY (ies)	
12.	WHETHER WORKING IN APS	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
13.	WHETHER ANY PENALTY IS IN CURRENCY OR DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS PENDING. IF YES, DETAILS THEREOF.	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

DECLARATION:

I, hereby, declare that the particulars furnished in the application form are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and will be supported by the original documents as and when required. I fully understand that in case of False/Incorrect information found at any stage, my candidature/appointment will be summarily rejected/terminated and appropriate action would be taken against me.

****Strike out (x) whichever is not applicable.**

DATE:
PLACE:

Signature of Candidate

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I certify that I have verified the particulars of candidate from service record and found correct. The candidature of the applicant is recommended for the following posts: -

Post	Eligible (Yes/ No)	Recommended *(Yes/ No)
Postman		
Mail Guard		
Multi Taskin Staff		

*If not recommended, reasons thereof.

DATE	
PLACE	

Signature of Divisional /Unit Head with designation stamp



Option for Post/Order of preference**(Postman Mail Guard/MTS)**

GDS candidates shall give option for one, two or all three posts and candidature for selection will be considered, only if a post has been opted for, subject to fulfilling the eligibility conditions. For example, an applicant will be considered for Mail Guard only if option is given for Mail Guard, otherwise his candidature will not be considered Mail Guard while preparing merit list for Mail Guard for the vacancy of 2026 (01.01.2026 to 31.12.2026) and to be submitted along with the application form:

(a) Option for Post:

Sl. No.	Name of Post	Mark (yes/no)	Order of Preference (i.e., 1 st /2 nd /3 rd)
1.	Postman		
2.	Mail Guard		
	MTS		

(b) Order of preference of Divisions/Units by GDS applicants: (For Postman/Mail Guard)

Order of Preference for Divisions/Unit	
1	
2	
3	
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(c) Preference by GDS applicants for the post of MTS:

Order of Preference for Administrative Office, DAP (PAOs), Subordinate Office, Civil/Electrical wing, Division/Unit	
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
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DATE:
PLACE:

Signature of Candidate

