



SSC · MAP #06

Income Tax Inspector — the CGL post with real power, and the slow climb to officer



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A Level-7 start, a job with real authority over taxpayers, and a 30-year climb from Inspector to officer — if you keep clearing the next exam.

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THE 30-YEAR JOURNEY

Almost everyone clears the departmental exam and becomes an Income Tax Officer in time. After about year 16 the path splits. Most spend the rest of their careers as an ITO and reach Assistant Commissioner only late, if at all. A smaller group crosses into the Group A officer cadre and climbs toward Commissioner.

SALARY PROJECTION

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Figures as of June 2026

7th CPC pay matrix, DA ~55%, X-class city, departmental exam cleared on time. Both paths are the same until about year 16, then split between officers who cross into the Group A cadre and climb (fast-track) and those who spend years as an ITO and reach Assistant Commissioner only late, if at all (steady). The 8th CPC (expected 2026-27) will revise basics. In-hand changes with city and posting. We update this every year.

YEAR	MILESTONE	STAYS AN ITO most promotees	GROUP A CLIMB the few
0	Joining (Inspector)	L7 · ₹70k Both paths identical so far · Inspector of Income Tax	
8	Income Tax Officer	L8 · ₹82k Both paths identical so far · Income Tax Officer	
16	Senior ITO	L8 · ₹95k Both paths identical so far · Income Tax Officer	
24	Paths split	L8 · ₹1.02L Income Tax Officer	L10 · ₹1.15L Assistant Commissioner
32	Retirement range	L10 · ₹1.12L Assistant Commissioner (late)	L12 · ₹1.5L Deputy / Joint Commissioner

In-hand figures, X-class city. Paths are identical until ~year 16, then split. Snapshot dated June 2026.

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