



SSC · MAP #24

Inspector of Posts — a sub-division of your own within two years, reached on a bicycle if that is what it takes



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THE 30-YEAR JOURNEY

The early ladder is one of the reasons this post is a top SSC CGL pick: Inspector to Assistant Superintendent comes in about six years, and Superintendent follows. Most Inspectors build a solid Group-B career across these grades and retire as an Assistant Superintendent or Superintendent of Posts. A smaller number cross the line into the Group-A Indian Postal Service — Director of Postal Services and above — a cadre that is mostly filled directly through UPSC, so the crossover is narrow and late. These are the two ends of the career.

SALARY PROJECTION

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Figures as of June 2026

7th CPC pay matrix, DA 60% (January 2026 revision), X-city HRA (27%), NPS 10%; Group-B promotion on the field path, narrow Group-A crossover on the other. Both columns are identical for the first decade-plus — every Inspector climbs to Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent the same way. The split comes above that: most build a full career on the Group-B ladder and retire as Superintendent or Senior Superintendent, while a narrow few cross into the Group-A Indian Postal Service. In-hand is DA-sensitive and lower in Y/Z-city postings, where many fresh recruits begin. We update this every year.

YEAR	MILESTONE	THE GROUP-B LADDER where most Inspectors settle	INTO GROUP A the narrow crossover, if you make it
0	Joining (Inspector)	L7 · ₹67k Both paths identical so far · Inspector of Posts	
10	Assistant Superintendent	L8 · ₹78k Both paths identical so far · Assistant Superintendent	
22	Paths split	L9 · ₹88k Superintendent of Posts Superintendent pay level (L9) pending confirmation against DoP cadre rules.	L11 · ₹1.05L Director of Postal Services (Gp A) Group-A crossover grade/level approximate and rare for promotees (IPoS is largely a UPSC cadre).

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32	Retirement range	L10 · ₹1L Senior Superintendent Sr. Superintendent pay level (L10) pending confirmation against DoP cadre rules.	L12 · ₹1.5L Postmaster General (Gp A) Group-A apex — mostly direct-recruit IPoS; very rare for an Inspector-cadre promotee.

In-hand figures, X-city posting at DA 60%; Y/Z-city postings pay less. Paths split after ~year 14. Levels above Assistant Superintendent are pending confirmation against DoP cadre rules. Snapshot dated June 2026.

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