



RRB Group D — India's largest hiring event, and the job waiting at the end of it



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THE 30-YEAR JOURNEY

Start with the arithmetic, because nothing else about this exam matters until you have looked at it. More than a crore people registered for roughly 32,000 seats. That is about 334 registered candidates per post, and around 200 for every one who sat the paper. What that buys is a permanent job at the bottom of the railway pay matrix, and a ladder out of it that is real but slow.

SALARY PROJECTION

If you joined today

Figures as of August 2026

7th CPC pay matrix, DA @ 60%, after NPS. The Risk and Hardship allowance for track posts is described but not added into these figures, because its current rate and coverage are unconfirmed.. Both columns start in the same place, at the bottom of the matrix. What separates them later is not seniority but an exam: the departmental route reaches Level 6, the same level a graduate Station Master begins on, while the seniority ladder tops out around Level 5 as Grade I or Mate. Per-rung timings are not published in any source we could reach, so the years on this table are indicative only. We update this every year.

YEAR	MILESTONE	THE SENIORITY LADDER Grade IV up to Grade I and Mate	THE DEPARTMENTAL EXAM Out of Level 1 to a Level 6 post
0	On joining	L1 · ₹24k Both paths identical so far · Track Maintainer Grade IV	
10	Ten years in, indicative	L2–L4 · ₹30k Grade III, then Grade II Vacancy-dependent, and the timings for each rung are not published, so this row is indicative rather than a schedule.	L6 · ₹58k Junior Engineer-equivalent Only if you clear the departmental exam. Eligibility, frequency and the realistic pass rate are all unconfirmed.

YEAR	MILESTONE	THE SENIORITY LADDER Grade IV up to Grade I and Mate	THE DEPARTMENTAL EXAM Out of Level 1 to a Level 6 post
20	Twenty years in, indicative	L5 · ₹48k Grade I, or Mate The same basic a graduate joining as a Goods Train Manager starts on, reached from ₹18,000 on Class 10.	L6+ · ₹58k Supervisory engineering grades Beyond the Junior Engineer-equivalent post the ladder is not traced in this draft.

In-hand figures are derived from basic and DA @ 60%, not quoted from a pay order, and exclude the risk allowance on track posts. Promotion timings are unsourced and shown as indicative. Snapshot dated August 2026.

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