



RAILWAYS · MAP #30

RRB NTPC — one exam, six jobs, and the one everybody pictures is the one almost nobody gets



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Clear the RRB NTPC and you join Indian Railways as a graduate. Which of the six posts you get is decided by your rank, and the odds are not what most candidates assume: three in five become a Goods Train Manager out on the freight network, while Station Master, the post the exam is famous for, is about one seat in nine.

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THE 30-YEAR JOURNEY

This is one exam that leads to six different jobs, in the way SSC CGL does. You do not apply for a post so much as earn a rank, state preferences, and take what the merit list gives you. The gap between what candidates picture and what the vacancy table says is the widest of any exam on this site, so the honest way to read this map is to start with the split rather than the salary.

SALARY PROJECTION

If you joined today

Figures as of August 2026

7th CPC pay matrix, DA @ 60%, X-city HRA, after NPS. Running allowance for the running-staff path is described but not added into the figures, because it depends on kilometres worked.. The two columns start on different levels, which is the unusual part: the path most candidates land on begins lower. Running allowance is what closes the gap, and it is earned by distance rather than granted by grade, so it does not appear in a pay matrix at all. 7th-CPC DA revises about every six months. We update this every year.

YEAR	MILESTONE	GOODS TRAIN MANAGER 59% of seats. Running staff, plus running allowance	THE DESK POSTS Accounts, clerical and commercial. Office hours
0	On joining	L5 · ₹48k Goods Train Manager Plus running allowance on kilometres worked, reported at about ₹4.63 per km for a goods guard, which is not included in this figure.	L5 · ₹48k Junior Accounts Assistant or Senior Clerk Same level and same basic as the running post, without running allowance and without the nights away.

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8	Eight years in	L6 · ₹58k Senior grades, better links Moving from freight to passenger and mail links raises both the level and the running-allowance rate, so the same promotion pays twice.	L6 · ₹58k Supervisory grade Through departmental exams and seniority. The per-post ladders are not traced in this draft.

In-hand figures are derived from basic and DA @ 60%, not quoted from a pay order, and exclude running allowance. Post-wise levels need confirming against the notification. Snapshot dated August 2026.

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