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SSC CHSL — a government job straight after 12th, and the long climb from clerk to officer



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Clear a 10+2-level exam, get a clerical post, start earning early. The pay is modest — but the job is permanent, and the climb, if you keep at it, is real.

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THE 35-YEAR JOURNEY

You join young, on a modest clerical salary. The first promotion comes after a departmental exam. Around year 15 the path splits. Most stay in the clerical grades while MACP lifts their pay. A determined few keep clearing exams and climb, a small number all the way to officer rank.

SALARY PROJECTION

If you joined today

Figures as of June 2026

7th CPC pay matrix, DA ~55%, X-class city — entry post varies (Level 2 to 5). Both paths are the same until about year 15, then split between those who clear the departmental exams and climb (fast-track) and those who plateau in clerical grades while MACP lifts their pay (steady) — the more common outcome. The 8th CPC (expected 2026-27) will revise basics. We update this every year.

YEAR	MILESTONE	CLERICAL PLATEAU most recruits	CLIMBS VIA EXAMS the few
0	Joining (Clerk)	L2 · ₹30k Both paths identical so far · Clerk / DEO / Postal Assistant	
7	Upper Division Clerk	L4 · ₹42k Both paths identical so far · Upper Division Clerk	
15	Assistant	L6 · ₹56k Both paths identical so far · Assistant	
25	Paths split	L6 · ₹66k Senior Assistant (MACP)	L7 · ₹85k Section Officer
34	Retirement range	L7 · ₹78k Assistant (MACP)	L11 · ₹1.25L Under Secretary (rare)

In-hand figures, X-class city. Paths are identical until ~year 15, then split. Snapshot dated June 2026.

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