SSC · MAP #40

SSC JE — the technical door into central government, where a diploma lands in graduate territory

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Every other SSC map on this site is a general or clerical entry. This is the engineering one, and it starts a diploma holder at Level 6, inside the band a graduate reaches through CGL and above the whole band CHSL offers. What it does not buy is the same ceiling, because the grades above Junior Engineer are shared with degree engineers recruited directly into them.

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THE 30-YEAR JOURNEY

This site already maps four SSC careers and all four are general or clerical: CGL, CHSL, Income Tax Inspector, Inspector of Posts. This is the technical door, and the first thing worth doing is placing it properly. SSC JE enters at Level 6, ₹35,400. Checked against this site's own maps, CGL entry runs Level 4 to Level 8 depending on the post, and CHSL entry runs Level 2 to Level 5. So a three-year diploma lands inside the graduate band and above the whole Class 12 one. That is a strong outcome and it comes with a specific catch, which is what the rest of this map is about: the grades above Junior Engineer are also filled by degree engineers recruited straight into them.

SALARY PROJECTION

If you joined today

Figures as of September 2026

7th CPC pay matrix with DA at current rates and HRA by city class, NPS deducted. Promotion timings are shown as the reported spread rather than a schedule, because the sources disagree.. The left column is the departmental ladder, and both its timing and the level of the Assistant Engineer rung are disputed in the sources, so it is shown as a range with the conflict flagged. The right column is finishing a degree and sitting a different exam, which is our framing rather than a route the commission offers. Neither column can price the promotion quota above Junior Engineer, because it is not published. We update this every year.

YEAR	MILESTONE	THE DEPARTMENTAL LADDER Junior Engineer to Assistant and Executive Engineer	A DEGREE, AND ANOTHER EXAM Our framing, not a commission route
0	On joining	**L6 · ₹56k** Both paths identical so far · Junior Engineer	

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YEAR	MILESTONE	THE DEPARTMENTAL LADDER Junior Engineer to Assistant and Executive Engineer	A DEGREE, AND ANOTHER EXAM Our framing, not a commission route
7	Seven years in	**L7 or L8 · ₹72k** Assistant Engineer The timing is genuinely uncertain: sources report the first promotion at both 5 to 7 years and 2 to 3 years, and the rung as both Level 7 and Level 8. Likely department-dependent.	**L7–L8 · ₹76k** A state AE post, a PSU, or a CGL engineering post Requires finishing a degree and clearing another exam. This is our framing rather than a documented route out of the JE grade.
20	Twenty years in	**L10 · ₹90k** Executive Engineer Only if the promotion quota allows. These grades are shared with degree engineers recruited directly into them and the split is not published anywhere we could reach.	**L11+ · ₹1.08L** Senior engineering grades in another service Indicative only. This depends entirely on which service was entered and no timings are sourced for it.

The first promotion is reported as both 5 to 7 years and 2 to 3 years, and the Assistant Engineer rung as both Level 7 and Level 8. Both conflicts are shown rather than resolved. The promotion versus direct-recruitment quota above JE is unsourced. Snapshot dated September 2026.

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