



RAILWAYS · MAP #01

## Station Master — Indian Railways' frontline job, and the 30 years behind it



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Run a station. Move trains. Take the night shift. For 30 years.

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### THE 30-YEAR JOURNEY

After the first 12 years, the career splits. Most Station Masters follow the MACP path: steady, but it stops around Level 9. A small group clears the LDCE exam and becomes officers (Group B).

### SALARY PROJECTION

## If you joined today

Figures as of May 2026

7th CPC pay matrix, DA at ~55%, X-class city, annual increments, no promotion delays. Both paths are identical until year 12. They split when a small fraction clears LDCE and enters the officer cadre — most do not. The 8th CPC (expected 2026-27) will revise basics, and allowances change every 6 months with DA. We update this annually.

| YEAR | MILESTONE        | TYPICAL PATH<br>what most retire on                              | IF YOU CLEAR LDCE<br>the officer ceiling      |
|------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 0    | Joining          | L6 · ₹62k<br>Both paths identical so far · Station Master        |                                               |
| 5    | 5 years in       | L6 · ₹71k<br>Both paths identical so far · Station Master        |                                               |
| 12   | Senior SM        | L7 · ₹84k<br>Both paths identical so far · Senior Station Master |                                               |
| 18   | Paths split      | L8 · ₹95k<br>Chief Station Master                                | L9 · ₹1.05L<br>Asst. Operations Manager       |
| 30   | Retirement range | L9 · ₹1.1L<br>MACP 3 (financial)                                 | L11 · ₹1.45L<br>Divisional Operations Manager |

In-hand figures, X-class city. Paths are identical until year 12, then split at LDCE. Snapshot dated May 2026.

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