

No. X-04/2/2020-SPN-II - Part-2

Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Posts
(Personnel Division)

Dak Bhawan, New Sansad Marg,
New Delhi - 110001

Dated: 23rd July, 2026
24/7

To

The Chief Postmaster General,
All Postal Circles.

Subject: Relaxation in minimum qualifying service condition for promotion to the cadre of Higher Selection Grade-I and Higher Selection Grade-II for the year 2022 and 2023 – Furnishing of clarification - regarding

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this office's letter No. X-04/2/2020-SPN-II dated 24.01.2024 and 09.02.2024 on the above mentioned subject.

2. With the concurrence of DOPT/UPSC, the Directorate had provided the relaxation of 2 years in eligible service in the feeder cadre for the promotion to the cadre of Higher Selection Grade-I and Higher Selection Grade-II for the year 2022 and 2023. The para No. 5 of notification dated 24.01.2024 and para no. 3 of Notification dated 09.02.2024 states that an official shall draw pay of promotional post from the date of actual assumption of charge of promoted post. However, this relaxation was for considering promotion from LSG to HSG-II, and from HSG-II to HSG-I grade for the year 2022 and 2023 and these officials have been promoted through review DPC and all have assumed the charge of the promoted post at later date in the year 2024.

3. This office was in receipt of communications from various Circles/Sources, to provide clarification for the review DPCs to adjust/ re-fix their seniority from 2022 and 2023 in view of relaxation provided by the Directorate. However, in the concurrence received from DoPT/UPSC, there were no instructions regarding the re-fixation of seniority from the year 2024 to the year 2022 & 2023, as the case may be, as the relaxation was provided retrospectively and the officials had been promoted to HSG-II and HSG-I notionally through the review DPC. In view of this, the matter was again referred to DoPT, seeking their comments/clarification as regards to the fixation of seniority.

3. Now, DoPT has provided the following clarification in this regard:

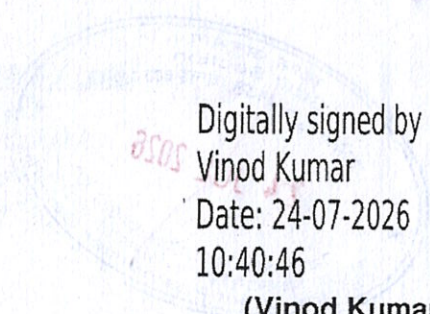
"This Department has considered relaxation in eligibility service as on crucial date for consideration of promotion. Hence, it is clarified that regular service will be calculated from the date of actual assumption of charges in promotional post."

4. DoPT has now clarified that the regular service will be counted from the date of actual assumption of charges in promotional post. Therefore, all Postal Circles are requested to take further necessary action in this regard.

5. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours sincerely,

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