

F.No.04-08/2019-SPN-I  
Government of India  
Ministry of Communications  
Department of Posts

Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg,  
New Delhi, dated 04<sup>th</sup> July, 2019

To,

1. All Chief Postmasters General / Postmasters General
2. Chief General Manager, BD Directorate / Parcel Directorate / PLI Directorate
3. Director, RAKNPA / GM, CEPT / Directors of all PTCs
4. Addl. Director General, Army Postal Service, New Delhi
5. All General Managers (Finance) / Directors Postal Accounts / DDAP

Subject: Examination limited to GDS for Appointment as Postal Assistants /  
Sorting Assistants – Clarification on surplus qualified candidate.

Madam/Sir,

References are being received from Circles seeking clarification on the following issue:-

- (i) whether Circle may declare surplus result amongst the qualified GDS for Postal Assistant / Sorting Assistant if the vacancy remains unfilled in a Division; and
  - (ii) whether application form may be accepted from those candidates who belong to any of the category for which there is no vacancy in the recruiting Division?
2. In this context reference is invited to Department of Posts letter No. 60-41/84-SPB-I (Pt) dated 21.01.1991 which *inter alia* provided the following:-

*'There is no objection in conducting examination where there is no vacancy and the qualified candidates will be sent out to other Divisions where announced vacancies remain unfilled as per a combined merit list of all such surplus qualified candidates drawn up at Circle level.'*

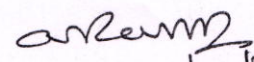
3. However, Department of Posts (Postal Assistant and Sorting Assistant Group 'C' Non-Gazetted) Recruitment Rules, 2015, Column 10 *ibid*, notified in Gazette of India *vide* GSR No. 411 (E) dated 21.05.2015, clearly provides that vacancy can be filled up by direct recruitment of GDS, fulfilling prescribed eligibility conditions, of the recruiting division or unit only. The Recruitment

Rules nowhere provides filling up of unfilled vacancy by GDS candidates from other division or unit.

4. In view of the above, after issue of Department of Posts (Postal Assistant and Sorting Assistant Group 'C' Non-Gazetted) Recruitment Rules, 2015 *vide* GSR No. 411 (E) dated 21.05.2015, provisions of aforesaid letter No. 60-41/84-SPB-I (Pt) dated 21.01.1991 are not in conformity with the provisions of the Recruitment Rules and therefore have become infructuous .

5. As brought out above, there is no scope to conduct the recruitment examinations in those Divisions or units where no vacancy exists. Similarly, the application form also may not be taken from those candidates who belong to a particular category for which there is no vacancy in the recruiting Division or Unit. Resultantly there is no scope to draw merit list of surplus qualified candidates for appointment as Postal Assistant / Sorting Assistant through examination limited to GDS under the provisions of Department of Posts (Postal Assistant and Sorting Assistant Group 'C' Non-Gazetted) Recruitment Rules, 2015

Yours faithfully,

  
04/07/2019  
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