

Copy of Railway Board's letter No.E(NG)I/73/PM1/313 dated 10/1/1974 addressed to the General Managers, All Indian Railways.

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Sub: Filling up posts of Asstt. Chemists/Lab.Asstts. in scale Rs.150-300 in the Medical Department.

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In terms of Board's letters No.E(NG)65/RC1/143 dated 9/8/1965 and E(NG)I/70PM1/229 dated 8/9/1971, posts of Asstt. Chemists/Lab. Asstts. in scale Rs.150-300 are required to be filled up by positive act of selection from amongst serving employees who possess the qualifications prescribed for direct recruitment viz., Matriculation with Science (Physics and Chemistry) and Diploma in Laboratory Technicians Course from a recognised Institute. The Board have reviewed the matter and decided that the condition of Diploma qualification and Matriculation with Physics and Chemistry need not be insisted upon for purpose of promotion to posts of Asstt. Chemists/Lab. Asstts. in scale Rs.150-300 in case of those serving employees who are Matriculate and who have put in at least 10 years service as Laboratory Assistants/Laboratory Technicians in the lower grade of Rs.110-200. Promotion should, however, be made by a duly constituted Selection Board who should ensure that persons selected are quite suitable to hold the higher responsibilities of the post of Asstt. Chemists/Lab. Asstts. in scale Rs.150-300.

To enable the Selection Board to judge the suitability of candidates, written and practical tests should be conducted.

The standard of the tests to be followed will be as follows:-

- (a) A written test which will be based on the subjects relevant for conducting the various investigations expected of them. While the questions should not cover the theoretical basis or the background of these tests, they should be such as to indicate that the examinee has understood the fallacies and the pitfalls which could arise in the conducting of the tests.
- (b) A practical test which will consist of doing actual examinations of any of the five of the tests expected to be done by the employee on promotion.

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