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**CLARIFICATION REGARDING OPERATION OF HORIZONTAL
RESERVATION IN THE RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF
CANTEEN ATTENDANT (GROUP-C)**

Reference is invited to the Recruitment Notice dated 30.09.2025 issued vide Employment News weekly edition 18 - 24.10.2025 for recruitment to the post of Canteen Attendant (Group-C) through Direct Recruitment.

2. This office has received various communications/representations, including references seeking clarification regarding the applicability and operation of horizontal reservation for Ex-Servicemen (ESM) and Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) in the aforesaid recruitment process.
3. In this regard, it is clarified that the provisions relating to reservation, age relaxation and other concessions for various categories of candidates, including Ex-Servicemen (ESM) and Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD), are governed by the Recruitment Rules applicable to the post and the instructions/orders issued by the Government of India from time to time.
4. The Recruitment Rules governing the post of Canteen Attendant (Group-C) provide that reservation and allied concessions for SC/ST/OBC/EWS/Ex-Servicemen/Persons with Benchmark Disabilities shall be regulated in accordance with the extant instructions issued by the Government of India.
5. Accordingly, the provisions relating to horizontal reservation for Ex-Servicemen (ESM) and Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD), as prescribed under the applicable Government instructions and reflected in the approved reservation roster maintained for the cadre, have always been applicable to the present recruitment process.
6. It is further clarified that, during the recruitment process, the admit cards/hall tickets issued by the Department contained the category field in the format:
"Category - (General/SC/ST/OBC/EWS/PwD/ESM)"

and the candidates were required to indicate their applicable category status by way of self-declaration. The candidates have filled their respective categories and said admit cards/hall tickets were collected by the Department after completion of the written examination.

7. For abundant clarity and to avoid any ambiguity in the matter, it is hereby further clarified that the following horizontal reservations are applicable in the present recruitment:

(i) Ex-Servicemen (ESM) - 10% reservation;

(ii) Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) - 4% reservation, i.e. 1 vacancy is earmarked for VI/VIII/LV candidate.

8. The present clarification is merely intended to explicitly reflect the existing statutory and administrative position governing the recruitment process.

9. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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