Zonal Allocation Policy in respect of Probationers of Engineering Services and Civil Services Examinations for Railway Services Group 'A' (IRSE, IRSME, IRSEE, IRSSE, IRSS, IRTS, IRAS, IRPS & RPF).

1. Preferences for the 16 zones are sought from the probationers.

2. Vacancies/Slots are calculated on the basis of the data obtained from the Zonal Railways subject to approval of Board Member concerned.

3. There is no category wise distribution of vacancies/Slots in the Railways.

4. Subsequently, a priority list is drawn as under:

Priority List		Method
1/3rd	General Candidate	First availability in the candidates' order of preference
1/3rd	OBC	-do-
½	SC	-do-
½	ST	-do-
2/3rd	Balance general	-do-
2/3rd	Balance OBC	-do-
½	Balance SC	-do-
½	Balance ST	-do-

In keeping with the policy approved by Hon'ble Minister of Railways the Zonal allocation is done strictly in accordance with:

(1) the candidates' position in the priority list

(2) the preferences exercised by the candidates

(3) the availability of vacancies/slots in the 16.zonal railways

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