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(रेलवे बोर्ड / **RAILWAY BOARD**)

International Year of Cooperatives 2025
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The General Managers,
All Zonal Railways/Production Unit
CORE/Allahabad,
Metro Railway/Kolkata.

The Director Generals/Directors
RDSO/Lucknow
All Centralised Training Institutes.

Sub: Masters/Research courses in Japanese Universities with MEXT scholarship for Indian Railways officers, 2027.

Memorandum of Cooperation signed between the Government of Japan and Ministry of Railways provides for an opportunity for Indian Railway engineers to pursue a 2-year Master/Research Courses in the field of High Speed Rail technology and related subjects in Japanese Universities with MEXT scholarship. The Government of Japan is offering both Masters' degree courses and Research course (non-degree course) under this scholarship.

2. Applications for admission to these courses for the Academic year 2027 starting in April/October 2027 are invited from all interested and eligible officers of Indian Railways. The detailed application guidelines for the course, the Application form, for placement preference (i.e. preference wise choice of the Universities and subjects of study to be indicated), form for Field of study and Research Plan, form for Health Certificate, and Details of Laboratories (along with names of the concerned Universities and Professor) which are offering these courses are attached herewith.

3. The applicant officer should be born on or after **02nd April, 1992**. The officers should be clear from Vigilance angle and there should not be any D&A case against them (pending or undergoing penalty). The officers shall have to clear the Written examinations of language proficiency in English & Japanese and interview conducted by Japanese diplomatic missions. Finally selected officer may avail Study Leave for which the mandatory service length criteria have been relaxed from 05 years to 02 years for this Course. Option to avail EOL is also available to all eligible officers who are interested in pursuing this course.

4. The fee for the entrance examination, tuition fees etc. at the universities, would be paid by the Government of Japan, if the officers pass the required procedures by the Universities concerned. The cost of air ticket in economy class from India to Tokyo and back (after completion of the course of study) would also be borne by Government of Japan. The domestic transportation of the officers in India to airport, airport taxes, airport user fees, special taxes of travel or inland transportation within Japan, insurance including travel insurance etc. would be borne by the officer himself/herself.

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5. The officers shall have to execute a Bond to serve Indian Railways for three years after completion of the course. The Bond duly signed by Controlling Authority and notarised should be signed and submitted to the Railway/PU/CTI concerned before the officer proceeds for study abroad.

6. Once selected, the officer shall not refuse the offer, under any circumstances. It may, therefore, be ensured that only those officers should apply for this course who are certain to join the course and complete it. The applicant officers need to submit an undertaking in this regard along with their applications.

7. The course needs to be given wide publicity amongst young Railway Officers to take benefit of the opportunity. In this context **a Seminar** will be conducted by the Embassy of Japan in association with the University of Tokyo on **19.03.2026** for the applicant officers to further share details of the various courses offered by the Japanese University.

8. **The application duly approved by the GM/DG/CAO/Director etc. concerned should be sent to this office by 25th March, 2026, positively. An advance copy also needs to be mailed by the applicant officers to Training Dte, Railway Board (e-mail ID: mtechinjapan@gmail.com). The application form must be filled out using a computer/device and it should be printed single sided.**

9. This circular along with all the attachments have also been uploaded on the Railway Board Website under the link "IR Personnel → Training Circulars'.

11/02/2026

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DA: Forms and Guidelines etc. as above.

Copy to: The First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan in India, 50-G, Shantipath, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110021 for information please.